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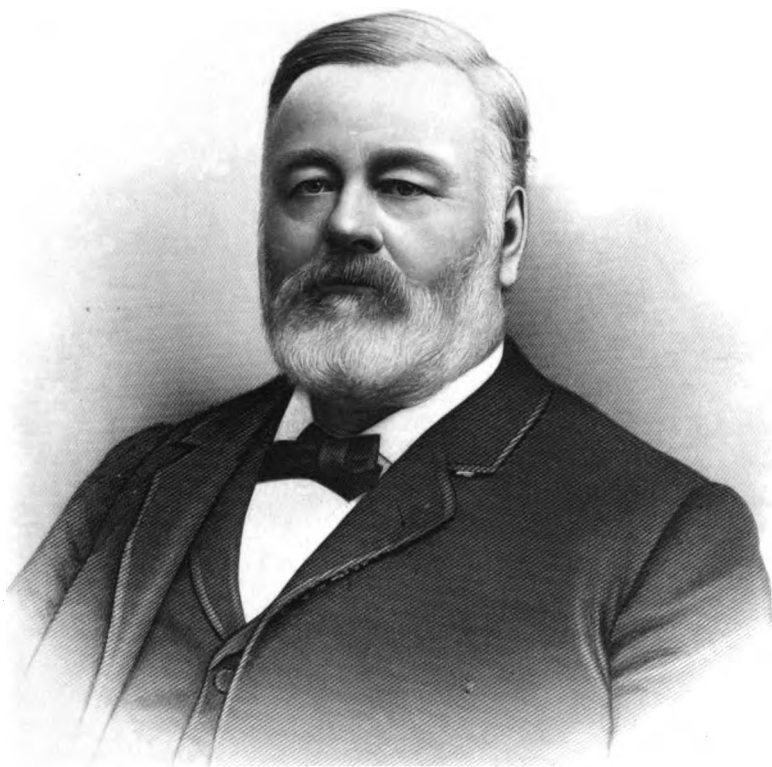
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CHAPTER XLVI.

BIOGRAPHICAL REVIEW.

The material for the biographies in this volume has been gathered by representatives of H. C. Cooper, Jr., & Co., through personal interviews with the people of the county. The notes thus gathered have been placed in typewritten form, and submitted to the subject of the sketch, or to a relative or friend, for correction and approval. Some have been submitted in person. Others have been mailed. Ample opportunity has thus been given for completeness and correctness.

In many cases, however, the sketches have not been returned, and in that event it has been necessary to print from the duplicates. It is obviously beyond the power of the publishers to guarantee the accuracy of these sketches. The authenticity of the facts and dates, the accuracy of the spelling of names, the suitability of the data, has of necessity depended upon the people themselves.

The personal estimates of character, accomplishments and worth, have been added by the editors, after consultation with those who are best qualified to judge of such matters. It is believed that, in the main, the biographies are correct, that they will prove valuable sources of reference. That all the people to whom sketches have been sent have not corrected them, and thus given them an added value is greatly to be regretted.

Charles Duncan Gilfillan, one of the most prominent factors in the early history of Minnesota, was born in New Hartford, Oneida county, New York, July 4, 1831, son of James and Janet Agnes Gilfillan. The father, James Gilfillan, a carpet weaver and woolen manufacturer, was born, as was his wife, in Bannockburn, Scotland, where both families had lived for many centuries. In 1830 the family came to the United States with a Scotch colony and located in Oneida county, New York. Charles Duncan Gilfillan was born in New Hartford, New York. As a boy he moved to Chenango county and was there educated at the Home Academy in New Hartford, New York. As a youth he alternated his winter schooling with summer work on farms and at the age of seventeen entered Hamilton College, where he remained for two years. This institution in 1893 conferred upon him the honorary degree of Master of Arts. In 1850, then a young man of nineteen years, Mr. Gilfillan went to Washington county, Missouri, where during the ensuing fall and winter he taught school at Potosi in the iron region southwest of St. Louis. In 1851 Mr.

Gilfillan came to the state of Minnesota, in the annals of which state his name was to occupy a prominent place. For two years after his arrival he taught school in Stillwater and at the same time studied law in the office of Michael E. Ames. In 1853 he was admitted to the bar and soon after took a partnership with Gold T. Curtis, succeeding to a considerable portion of the practice of his preceptor. In the spring of 1854 at the first municipal election held in Stillwater, he was elected to the office of recorder. In the succeeding autumn he removed to St. Paul. In 1857 he formed a law partnership with his brother, James Gilfillan, later chief justice of the Supreme Court of Minnesota, an association which continued until 1863, when Mr. Gilfillan retired from the practice of law. His name will be permanently associated with the early history of the city of St. Paul, owing to his connection with the water system. He gave to the subject much thought and study, consulted all the best authorities and single handed proceeded to construct the present system, which he carried successfully to completion. Mr. Gilfillan was president, secretary and leading spirit of the old water company until the sale of the system to the city in 1882, after which he remained a member of the board of commissioners. Few men were more actively connected with the material interests of St. Paul and of the State. In 1882 he built the Gilfillan block in St. Paul at the corner of Fourth and Jackson streets. This building was at the time the finest of its kind in the city. He operated largely in city property and owned large tracts of land throughout the state, including the Gilfillan tract of ten thousand acres in Redwood county, which he bought in 1882. In early life Mr. Gilfillan was a Whig and cast his first vote for the Whig ticket. However, he was present at the first formal organization of the Republican party of Minnesota, at the capitol in St. Paul, February, 1855, to which party he yielded unswerving devotion for the rest of his life. He was active in politics and always effective as a worker. He was the first chairman of the Minnesota Republican Central Committee, and held the position for four years. In 1859 he was the first regular Republican candidate for mayor of St. Paul, but was defeated by Hon. John S. Prince. He was a member of the House of Representatives from Ramsey county in 1864, 1865 and 1866. From the latter year until 1886 he was a member of the State Senate, and thus served in the Legislature for a period of thirteen years. He was instrumental in promoting the passage of some of the most wholesome and just laws found on the statute books of the state. He was chairman of the committee on railroads and was for ten years on the judiciary committee. Mr. Gilfillan organized the Minnesota Valley Historical Association, of which he was the moving factor. It was his generosity which financed the erection of many of the monuments and markers which, in the locality

of Redwood and Renville counties, mark many of the historical scenes of the Sioux Indian uprising of 1862. In the facts of this uprising Mr. Gilfillan was especially interested as the foundation of his fortune was secured from his commissions as attorney for the sufferers by the massacre, who had claims against the government for property destroyed. In behalf of these people he labored early and late and secured from the fund sums which helped many of them to start anew in life. Mr. Gilfillan spent much time in travel and educated his children largely in Germany and France. Mr. Gilfillan was prominent in banking circles in St. Paul, being one of the organizers of the St. Paul Trust Company and for many years vice-president of the First National Bank of St. Paul. In his later life, Mr. Gilfillan devoted his time to developing his farm in Redwood county. He carried on extensive farming and stock raising. For this purpose he built Gilfillan station and elevator and extensive stock yards.

Mr. Gilfillan was married December 28, 1859, to Emma C. Waage, daughter of Rev. Frederick and Angelina Waage. Mrs. Emma (Waage) Gilfillan died at Philadelphia, September 25, 1863. The only child born of this marriage died in infancy. Mr. Gilfillan later married Fannie S. Waage, sister of his deceased wife. By this marriage there are four children, Emma K., Fannie W., Charles O., and Frederick J.

Charles O. Gilfillan, son of Charles Duncan Gilfillan, is one of the extensive land owners of Redwood county and owner of the large Gilfillan estate. At the age of twenty-five he took charge of the Redwood county estate. Gradually he discontinued stock raising and is now devoting his attention largely to small grain and corn. The estate is beautifully laid out and has about thirty-five tenants. The home itself is one of the finest in Minnesota Valley. The estate includes railroad station, elevator, stock yards, business office, extensive barns, and a beautiful home. Mr. Gilfillan is a modern and scientific farmer and carries on his operations along the latest approved lines.

Milton E. Powell, for nearly half a century a resident of Redwood Falls, is now known as the leading citizen of the county. He is the Nestor of the Redwood county bar, and for many years was the county's leading practitioner. With the county fairs in the early days, with the inauguration of a banking system in this county, with the establishment of the present school system, with the activities of the county fair in the early days, with the old Winona & St. Peter railroad (now the Chicago & Northwestern), and with many other public movements he has been actively identified. His reputation in the Masonic order extends far beyond the bounds of the state. A native of New York state, **Major Powell**, as he is familiarly called, a native of New York, was born near Kinderhook, in Columbia county, April 17, 1840,

of Holland descent, and is a son of Joseph Powell, whose birth occurred in the same county on December 10, 1797. His father was a farmer by occupation, and on reaching manhood married Melinda Older, who was born in Delaware county, New York, March 20, 1804, and was a daughter of Nathan Older, of English extraction. They became the parents of six children—two sons and four daughters; two only are still living, one daughter and one son. Joseph Powell died in Sparta, Mora county, Wisconsin, November 19, 1870. His wife died December 23, 1881. The first thirteen years of his life, our subject passed in Delaware and Erie counties, New York, after which he removed with his parents to Sparta, Wisconsin, where he attended the common schools, but later returned to the Empire state and became a student in the Aurora Academy, of Erie county, where he pursued his studies for two years. From 1858 until 1861 he studied law in the office of Graves & Rice, attorneys, and on the expiration of that time enlisted in the First Wisconsin Battery, Light Artillery, with which he faithfully served as an officer for three years, taking part in a number of important engagements, including those at Tazewell Court House, Tennessee; Chickasaw Bayou; Port Gibson, Mississippi, and the siege of Vicksburg. Later he was in the ordnance department until May 16, 1865. On receiving his discharge, Mr. Powell returned to Sparta, Wisconsin, where he began reading law under the direction of Hon. R. Bunn, of Wisconsin. On September 25, 1865, he was admitted to the bar at Sparta, where he at once began the practice of his chosen profession, and where he continued until his removal to Redwood Falls in 1867. Here he became one of the leading attorneys, having been county attorney of Redwood county for thirteen years, but in 1905 laid aside his professional duties and engaged in agriculture. He has prospered in his undertakings and now possesses a considerable amount of valuable property. On June 28, 1870, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Powell and Josephine Butterworth, of Sparta, Wisconsin. In Masonic affairs, as mentioned, Mr. Powell takes a prominent part, being a thirty-third degree Mason, and belonging to the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery. He was Grand Commander of Knights Templar in 1891. He assisted in the organization of the Bank of Redwood Falls, of which for one term he served as vice-president. Public-spirited and enterprising, he is largely interested in any movement to improve or to advance the welfare of his adopted county.

William H. Gold, banker, leading citizen, man-of-affairs, has taken his part in the development of the financial, agricultural, religious and social life of Redwood Falls, and is regarded as a valuable citizen in every respect. Born in Davis, Stephenson county, Illinois, March 20, 1865, he was the son of Aaron and

Ellen (Cahoon) Gold, people of sturdy eastern stock, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and New York and descended on the paternal side from German ancestry. The parents came from Pennsylvania to Illinois in 1855, where the father died in 1890 at the age of sixty-nine and where the mother passed away in 1874 at the age of forty-six. Reared in this home, William H. Gold grew to healthy boyhood on a farm. At the age of sixteen he learned the art of telegraphy and subsequently worked in this line for some ten years in Illinois, Iowa, and Minnesota. It was in this capacity that, as a young man, he came to the upper Minnesota Valley, which was designed to be the scene of his future activities. While station agent for the C., M. & St. P. at Sacred Heart in Renville county, he was impressed with the business possibilities of this region and consequently in 1886 he became interested in the lumber business, eventually resigning his railroad position to devote his entire time to that line. In 1887 in company with his brother, Frank O. Gold, he purchased a lumber yard at Sacred Heart, which he conducted for some years. Gradually the brothers established other yards, until they owned six flourishing establishments. In 1894 William H. Gold moved to Renville, where he gradually became interested in the grain, banking and land business in connection with his brother, Frank O. Gold, and H. N. Stabeck. In 1895 W. H. Gold became vice-president of the Security Bank of Renville. In 1896 he became president and retired permanently from the lumber business. In 1902 he was succeeded by H. N. Stabeck. The following year, when the First National Bank of Renville took the place of the Security State Bank, W. H. Gold was retained as one of the directors. In the meantime, in 1898, Mr. Gold had organized the Gold-Stabeck Land and Credit Company at Renville and had conducted it for several years. This company moved in 1901 to Minneapolis and is one of the larger concerns of its kind in the Twin Cities. Among its other interests, this company controls a chain of banks. In 1901 five of these banks were located in Redwood county. They were at Redwood Falls, Belview, Revere, Vesta, and Wabasso. It was in that year that Mr. Gold came to Redwood Falls to take charge of all the Gold-Stabeck interests in this county. In 1904, he sold out his interests in the Gold-Stabeck Company and took over all their interests in Redwood county. With John P. Cooper, he organized the Gold-Copper Securities Company with Mr. Cooper as president and Mr. Gold as secretary and treasurer. This company owns a controlling interest in the State Bank of Redwood Falls, State Bank of Vesta, and the Marietta State Bank, each of which Mr. Gold is the president. In 1910, in partnership with R. W. Sears, founder of Sears, Roebuck & Company, he organized the firm of Sears and Gold, now succeeded by Gold, Wise, and Gold. This

concern owns a number of farms in Redwood county and makes a specialty of breeding Holstein cattle. While one of the purposes of establishing the famous Sears and Gold Holstein herd was to make money, nevertheless, it was also its object to improve dairying conditions and raise the standard of stock in this county by selling to the farmers pure bred cattle at a nominal price. This object has succeeded and many of the farmers of the county are using stock from this famous herd to improve their own breed. In church work, Mr. Gold has been especially active, being an ardent supporter of the Methodist Episcopal denomination. A member of the board of the local church for many years, he in 1904 represented the Minnesota conference at the general conference held at Los Angeles. For ten years, he has been treasurer of the Minnesota Relief Fund Association of the Minnesota Conference and during that time has handled and invested a sum of \$100,000. In Sunday school work he has been superintendent of the local school for some twelve years, was president of the Redwood County Sunday School Association for several terms and for five years was president of the State Sunday School Association. As a crowning achievement in this line, he has done efficient work for several years as trustee of Hamline University, Hamline, Minnesota, and of Parker College, Winnebago city, Minnesota. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic Order. In a quiet unostentatious way, Mr. Gold has done much for Redwood Falls. As a banker it has been his aim to develop rural resources. As a citizen, he has used his influence for every movement that has for its object the betterment of the community. As a home builder, he has created one of the substantial residences and sightly grounds of the city and as president of the Commercial Club, he has done much to promote the interests of Redwood Falls throughout the state. Coming to Sacred Heart with but little capital, save his ambition, energy, and optimism, he had made himself one of the successful men of the Northwest and the work he has accomplished is in itself the highest ecomium that could be written of his work. In spite of his unusual success, he is affable and approachable and his friendship is freely given to any worthy object. Mr. Gold was married May 15, 1889, to J. Winnifred Bennett, born January 3, 1868, daughter of C. A. and Margaret (Lee) Bennett. C. A. Bennett, pioneer newspaper man of Minnesota, founded the Granite Falls (Minn.) Journal in 1880 and published it until 1914. He is now living in retirement at Granite Falls. Mrs. Bennett died in 1872 at the age of twenty-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Gold have been blessed with seven children: Glenn W.; Donald W.; Lois and Lola; Margaret; Rhoda and Charles. Glenn W. was born April 24, 1890, and is general manager of the Gold, Wise & Gold firm. He married Josephine Griffith, of Alexandria, Minn., and lives in Redwood Falls. At the



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present time, he is sergeant major of the Third Battalion, Second Infantry M. N. G. on the Texas border. Donald W. was born January 7, 1893, was graduated in 1916 from the Wesleyan University at Middletown, Conn., and has entered the state bank of Vesta. Lois and Lola, born September 1, 1894, are now students at Hamline University. Margaret was born November 4, 1900, and Rhoda was born December 23, 1902. Charles, born January 31, 1905, died February 4, 1905.

John P. Cooper, financier, agriculturist, and man-of-affairs, is descended from sturdy New England ancestry, from whom he derives a staunch vein of integrity and love of rural endeavor which have been characteristics in his splendid success. John P. Cooper was born not far from Sparta, Monroe county, Wis. March 15, 1859, the son of Isaac W. and Elizabeth (Decker) Cooper, natives of New England. He was reared on the home farm, received an excellent education in the common school and at the age of nineteen years completed the academic course in the Sparta High School. Thus equipped, he taught school for a while. Then he went to LaCrosse, Wis., and secured some sound business experience in the employ of P. S. Davidson, a dealer in lumber and boat supplies. Returning to Sparta, he there spent another year. It was in 1883 that he came to Redwood county with four others still in the employ of Mr. Davidson, who at that time owned some seventeen thousand acres in this vicinity. In charge of this farm and a large corps of men he farmed for Mr. Davidson for several years. He saw, however, a field of wider opportunity in the business future of Redwood Falls and consequently in 1886 came to this village and in company with S. O. Mason, under the firm name of Mason and Cooper purchased the furniture store of O. W. McMillan. A year later Mr. Cooper bought out his partner and continued to conduct the business alone until 1888 when he sold out to H. N. Bell. For several years thereafter he engaged in the real estate business and also sold musical instruments, having a large business in piano-fortes and organs throughout the county. During this period his prosperity increased to the extent that he realized the great possibilities of the banking business in Redwood Falls. Therefore in 1903 he allied himself with the Gold-Stabeck interests, together they purchased the Bank of Redwood Falls and consolidated it with the Gold-Stabeck State Bank and conducted it under the name of The Gold-Stabeck State Bank until 1908, when the name was changed to the State Bank of Redwood Falls. At the time of consolidation Mr. Cooper retained the position of vice president, an office which he has now occupied continuously since 1903. In connection with this banking institution the Gold-Cooper Securities Company was organized in 1907 with a capital of \$25,000, subscribed entirely in Redwood Falls. Of this com-

pany Mr. Cooper is the president, Glenn W. Gold, vice president, W. H. Gold, secretary, and R. A. Cooper, treasurer. Another of the Cooper interests is the State Bank of Vesta of which Mr. Cooper is vice president. Since early boyhood, Mr. Cooper has been vitally interested in farming. He owns a number of farms in Redwood county, makes farming a hobby, carrying on stock farming on an extensive scale, makes a specialty of beef cattle and gives his personal attention to the management. While toiling early and late and achieving more than a man's usual degree of success Mr. Cooper has not neglected his duties as a public man and citizen. For seven years he was chairman of the board of county commissioners; for three years he was mayor of Redwood Falls and he is now serving his thirteenth year as treasurer of the board of education. He is a charter member of the Redwood Falls Lodge No. 42, Knights of Pythias and is also an active worker in the Commercial and Automobile Clubs. John P. Cooper was married November 1, 1880, to Ida M. Garrett, who was born February 7, 1856, daughter of Albert A. and Mary (Brooks) Garrett, the former of whom was a pioneer saddler of Sparta, Wis. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper have two children: Myrtle and Robert A. Myrtle was born August 21, 1881, married Alfred M. Kvello, a leading attorney of Lisbon, N. D., and has one child, Avis. Robert A. was born October 30, 1883, married Ruth Lyman, daughter of Dr. E. A. Lyman of Redwood Falls and is cashier of the State Bank of Redwood Falls of which his father is vice president. Isaac W. Cooper, father of John P. Cooper, was born in Connecticut and was married in Massachusetts to Elizabeth Decker, who was born in that state. After their marriage they moved to Pennsylvania and from there came to Monroe county, Wis. After farming there for some years they retired to the neighboring town of Sparta. There Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper died in 1892 at the age of sixty-five years. Her husband survived her three years, dying in 1895 at the age of seventy-five. They were pious christian people attending the Methodist Episcopal church.

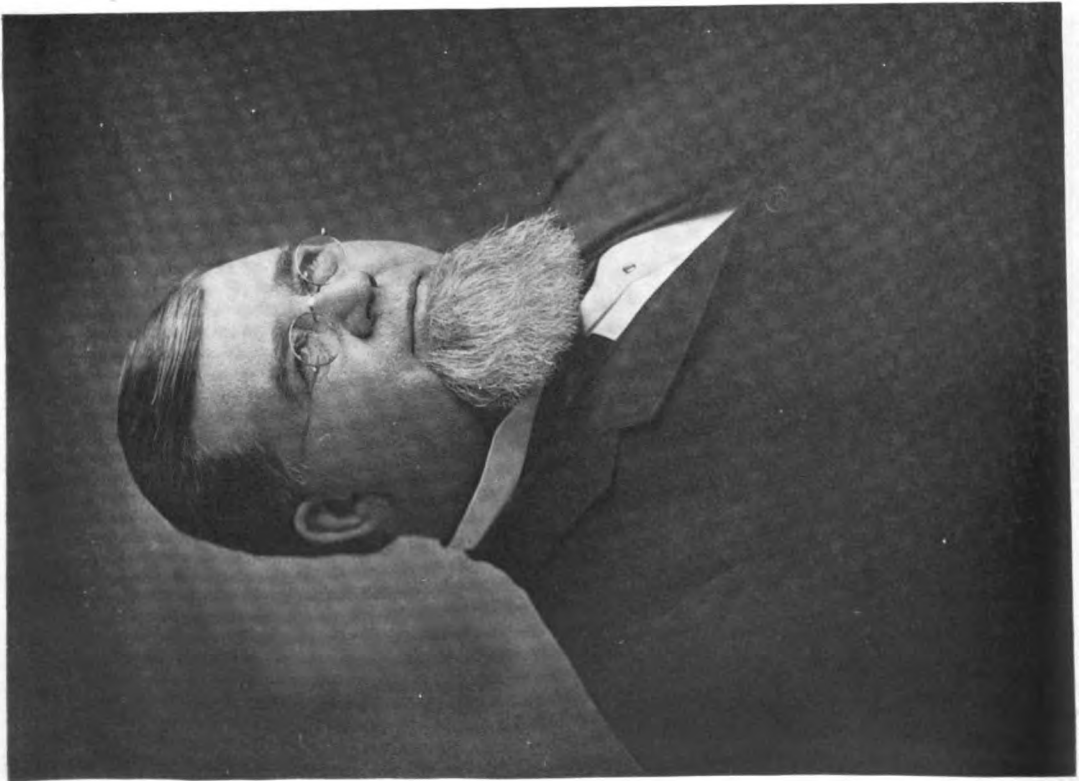
Robert A. Cooper, financier, cashier of the State Bank of Redwood Falls, was born in the city where he still resides, Oct. 30, 1883, son of J. P. and Ida M. (Garrett) Cooper. He was here reared, and passed through the graded and high schools. In 1904 he entered the State Bank of Redwood Falls, in 1907 became assistant cashier, and on Jan. 1, 1914, assumed the duties of his present position. In addition to this he is treasurer of the Gold-Cooper Securities Co. Fraternally, Mr. Cooper is Master of the Blue Lodge; a Chapter and Commandery Mason, and a member of the Knights of Pythias and the I. O. O. F. Aug. 7, 1912, he married Ruth Lyman, daughter of Dr. E. A. and Blanche (French) Lyman.

Hans M. Aune, secretary and treasurer of the Aune & Thune Co., Inc., clothiers, Redwood Falls, was born in Norway, May 19, 1861, son of John and Mattie (Batsager) Aune. John Aune, the father died in Norway in 1875. The widowed mother then came to America, located at Red Wing, and later at Zumbrota, both in Goodhue county, this state, making her home with her son, Hans M., until her lamented death in 1886. Hans M. in the meantime attended school in Norway, and in 1880, at the age of nineteen came to America and located in Red Wing, this state, where he likewise attended school for a while. For some time he was clerk in C. C. Clausen's dry goods store in that city. Later he went to Zumbrota clerked in Mr. Clausen's store in that village. After his employer's death in 1885, he started work in the general store of Fred George, also in Zumbrota. It was in 1887 that he came to Redwood Falls, and in partnership with P. M. Ringdahl engaged in the clothing business under the firm name of Aune & Ringdahl. In 1888, Gunder G. Thune bought out Mr. Ringdahl, and the firm became Aune & Thune. For nearly three decades Mr. Aune has occupied a commanding position in the life of the community, and his work has left an impression on official life in city, county and educational affairs. His term of office for four years as alderman and two terms as mayor were marked by great progress in this city. His work for the past ten years as a member of the board of county commissioners of which he is now chairman has been highly commended, his official policy combining conservatism of the people's funds with a desire to secure for the county the greatest efficiency and progress along all lines of improvement. As secretary of the board of education for the past seven years he has also rendered the people of the city distinguished service. His work in helping to organize the Redwood Falls Electric Telephone Co., of which he has been the only secretary and treasurer, marked a distinct forward move in the life of the city. Fraternally Mr. Aune is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, and he is an able member of the Commercial Club as well as of other organizations. Mr. Aune was married Aug. 17, 1893, to Corrine Swain, of Madison, Wis., and they have four children: Hazel, Harold, Irene and Eleanor.

Gunder G. Thune, president of the Aune & Thune Co., Inc., clothiers, Redwood Falls, was born in Norway, May 14, 1855, son of Gunder and Gurie S. (Ekren) Thune, who brought the family to America in 1857, located on a homestead in Minneola, Goodhue county, this state, farmed until 1895, and then retired, the father dying in 1906 at the age of 74, and the mother still living on the home place. There the subject of this sketch was reared, attending the district schools and learning farming from his father. Later he studied in the public schools of Red Wing,

and at Darling's Business College, at Rochester. For nine years he was clerk in the general store of John Anderson at Zumbrota, where he thoroughly mastered the mercantile business. With this experience he came to Redwood Falls in the spring of 1888, and bought an interest in the firm of Aune & Ringdahl, which then became Aune & Thune. Arriving here nearly thirty years ago, Mr. Thune, in the years that have passed, has become one of the prominent citizens of the city. For one term he did good service as a member of the council. In the Commercial and Automobile clubs he has been an enthusiastic "booster." Fraternally he is associated with the Knights of Pythias and other orders. A thorough business man he has taken his part in the growth of the city and county, and is an enthusiastic believer in the future of this region. Gunder G. Thune was married March 22, 1882, to Annie A. Brakke, a native of Norway, who early in life lost her parents. To Mr. and Mrs. Thune have been born four children: Mary, Josephine, Zelma and Florence, all of whom are now at home. Mary has been clerk in the office of the county auditor for the past twelve years. Zelma, a music teacher, is a graduate of the Northwestern Conservatory of Music at Minneapolis. The family faith is that of the Presbyterian denomination, in the local church of which Mr. Thune has been trustee since 1903.

The Aune & Thune Co., Inc., clothiers, Redwood Falls. The story of this company, now the leading clothing concern in Redwood county is a most interesting one, embracing as it does a small beginning, a fire which nearly wrecked its hopes at a time when great success was dawning, a plucky new beginning, and finally its present prosperity. In 1887, Hans M. Aune, then a clerk in a general store at Zumbrota, Minn., came to Redwood Falls, and with P. M. Ringdahl, opened a small clothing store, under the firm name of Aune & Ringdahl. In 1888, Gunder G. Thune, also a Zumbrota clerk, bought out Mr. Ringdahl, and the firm became Aune & Thune. The two young men set at work with a will, toiled early and late, and by honesty, good buying, shrewdness, hard work and straightforward business methods, soon built up a large business. After a time they outgrew their original quarters, and in 1900 moved to their present site. But when the prospects for the future seemed the brightest, a fire came on Oct. 22, 1903, and totally destroyed their property, entailing a loss of about \$30,000. But with undaunted courage, the partners set at work, erected a splendid building, and started in again, achieving a still greater measure of prosperity than before. The store is an ideal one in every way. The building is sightly and convenient, equipped with all modern advantages. The main floor is used for sales and display rooms, and offices. The stock is large and thoroughly up-to-date, while the assortment is uni-



usually full and complete. The basement is used for storage. In the basement also is the "Ideal" gasoline lighting system plant, by which the establishment is brilliantly illuminated throughout with gas. In addition to the Redwood store there is a branch at Dawson, Minn., operated by O. M. Aune, a brother of Hans M. The Aune & Thune Co. was incorporated in 1913, with a capital of \$50,000, the officers being: President, Gunder G. Thune; vice president, O. M. Aune; secretary and treasurer, Hans M. Aune.

Fremont W. Philbrick. While "the race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong" the invariable law of destiny accords to tireless energy, industry and ability a successful career. The truth of this assertion is abundantly verified in the life of Mr. Philbrick, who is now at the head of a large general store at Redwood Falls, Minn.; and is also president of the Redwood County State Bank, of Redwood Falls, which he recently organized. He was born at Fond du Lac, Wis., May 5, 1854, and is the second son of Charles G. and Eliza M. (Pinkham) Philbrick, the former a native of New Hampshire and the latter of Maine. By occupation the father was a carpenter and builder. Our subject was principally reared in Minnesota, where his parents removed in 1856, making their home for a number of years at Rushford, Fillmore county, and there his education was obtained in the public schools. At the age of sixteen years he began teaching in that county, and his first business experience was as a clerk in a general store. Later he was cashier and bookkeeper at LaCrosse, Wis., for the firm of Olson, Smith & Co., wholesale dry goods, with whom he remained for six years, and on the expiration of that period formed a partnership with W. R. Putnam of LaCrosse, under the firm name of Putnam & Philbrick, dealing in boots, shoes, hats, caps, and men's furnishing goods. This connection lasted for two years, when he sold out to Mr. Putnam and went to Milwaukee, where for a short time he was in the employ of the grocery firm of Ball & Goodrich as traveling salesman. It was in 1879 that Mr. Philbrick came to Redwood Falls, where in connection with C. A. Francois, he purchased the stock of general merchandise of Sickles & Wiltshire; and this partnership continued for two and a half years, when our subject purchased Mr. Francois' interest and has since successfully conducted the business alone. In 1886 he erected his present store building, which is two stories in height with a basement, and is forty-eight by one hundred and twenty-four feet. It is built of brick and fitted up with all modern improvements—steam heat, water, sewerage, electric lights and cash carrier system. It is well located and has every convenient arrangement for the accommodation of his immense stock of goods, which are always of the best grades and selected to meet the require-

ments of his patrons. He carries everything to be found in a first-class general dry goods store, employs an efficient corps of clerks, and by his courteous and fair treatment has gained a liberal patronage. In connection with his mercantile interests he is a large stockholder in the newly organized Redwood County State Bank, an institution destined to become one of the leading financial institutions of Redwood county; he also owns a number of farms and city residences which he rents. Mr. Philbrick is a prominent and representative citizen of Redwood Falls, and has been called upon to serve in several official positions, being a member of the city council two terms, city mayor six terms, and county commissioner four years, during which time he served as chairman of that body. While holding that office the court house and county jail were built under his personal supervision as chairman of the building committee. At one time he was asked to become a candidate for the state senate from his district, but modestly and positively declined, as he cares nothing for the honors or emoluments of public office, and prefers to confine his attention to his business interests. In the positions which he has filled, however, he has always proven himself an intelligent, capable and efficient officer, and his many friends were greatly disappointed that he would not become their candidate for state senator. He has also been called upon to settle up several estates. Fraternally he affiliates with the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Philbrick was married in 1880 to Miss Ella V. Blair, of LaCrosse, Wis., daughter of A. A. Blair. They have one son, John Blair Philbrick.

Note.—It is with a deep feeling of sorrow that since the beginning of the compilation of this history, we have been called upon to chronicle the death of Mrs. Ella Blair Philbrick (wife of our subject, F. W. Philbrick), who passed this life on May 19, 1916. Mrs. Philbrick was a woman of rare attainments, possessing a beautiful and noble character, and was beloved by all who knew her.

Mrs. Ella Blair Philbrick. Ella V. Blair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Blair, was born at Brandon, Vermont, July 31, 1850, and when quite young came with her parents to LaCrosse, Wisconsin, growing to womanhood in that city and taking up the art of music teaching as a vocation. She was a member of the First Congregational Church of that city and for sixteen years was a faithful member of its choir. On April 21, 1880, she was united in marriage to F. W. Philbrick, who had the year previously become a business man of Redwood Falls, Minnesota. Coming to Redwood Falls, Mrs. Philbrick at once became a prominent factor in church work and social circles. She united with the Presbyterian Church and proved herself an ardent

worker for many years. She became a Christian Scientist during the later years of her life and found much comfort and beauty in her new faith. She was an enthusiastic leader in the ranks of the suffrage movement and after constant agitation succeeded in perfecting an organization called the "Equality Club" and was its efficient president until failing health forced her to give it up. She was also a vice president of the Woman's Suffrage Association of Minnesota. She was a charter member of the Pythian Sisters, also a member of the Relief Corps and W. C. T. U. She had a natural gift for music and art and was the possessor of a beautiful voice which was always at the command of every worthy event. Her untimely death came as a most sorrowful blow to her many friends, occurring on May 19, 1916, just before the completion of this history. Thus has fallen the curtain of life over a most beautiful and noble character, one whom in life it was ever a pleasure to meet and know, and one by whom the world has been benefited for her having lived in it.

Francis G. Hubbard, of the Hubbard-Davis Co., clothiers, haberdashers and men's furnishers, Redwood Falls, was born at Brasher Falls, N. Y., Aug. 24, 1874, son of Reuben G. and Mary E. (Russell) Hubbard, the former of whom was a leather worker and harness maker. After the death of the father in 1885, the mother married Reuben S. Whipple who, in 1887, brought the family to Redwood Falls. Thus arriving in this city as a boy of twelve years, Francis G. Hubbard was sent to the graded schools, and in due time graduated from the high school. With this preparation, he entered the employ of the clothing firm of Aune & Thune, in which situation he continued for some twelve years. In October, 1902, having, during his twelve years of business life not only thoroughly acquainted himself with the clothing trade but also with the needs of Redwood Falls in this line, he formed a partnership with his uncle, Geo. H. Russell, of New York, and under the firm name of F. G. Hubbard & Co. opened his present store, assuming at once the position of active manager. The death of the uncle Sept. 15, 1905, necessitated a change in the firm, and in 1909 the Hubbard-Davis Co. was incorporated with a capital stock of \$12,000, Francis G. Hubbard being president; F. W. Ferris, vice president; and George M. Davis, secretary and treasurer. In 1915, Mr. Davis was succeeded by G. E. Larson. The store is well located in the Peterson building on Washington street, carries a large stock of well selected goods and enjoys a well deserved patronage. Busy as he is with the details of his large trade, Mr. Hubbard has found time to interest himself in public, religious and fraternal affairs. He is a director in the Redwood County Agricultural Society, and a member of the A. F. & A. M. and the K. of P., in both of which he has held official positions. The Methodist Episcopal church, of which he

is a trustee, and its Sunday school, in which he has long been active, have found him an energetic and valued worker. Mr. Hubbard was married June 14, 1899, to Rosella M. Ferris, daughter of J. W. and Rhoda (Driesbock) Ferris, the former of whom is the manager of the local branch of the Standard Oil Co. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard have one daughter, Grace Elizabeth.

James W. Inglis, D. D. S., a well known dental practitioner of Redwood Falls and prominent man in the affairs of the Second Infantry, M. N. G., was born in Columbus, Columbia county, Wis., March 29, 1876, son of James and Isabelle (Hall) Inglis. He was there reared to young manhood, passed through the public schools of his neighborhood, was graduated from the Oshkosh (Wis.) Normal School in 1898 and from the Dental School of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1901. Thus prepared, he went back to Columbus and opened an office where he engaged in the practice of his profession. In 1904 he came to Redwood Falls where he has since been located and where he has acquired a large clientele. His offices are well equipped and Dr. Inglis keeps well abreast of the latest trend of thought and manipulation in all departments of oral operation and hygiene. Being thoroughly ethical in the practice of his profession, Dr. Inglis has allied himself with the National, The State and The Southern Minnesota Dental Associations. A thorough believer in education, he has taken an especial interest in the Redwood Falls public library and is now serving as one of its directors. Of military life, Dr. Inglis has made a hobby and has found in this line of endeavor, recreation and diversion. Joining Company L, Second Regiment M. N. G., he was soon elected captain, a position in which he served for three years. Upon retiring from this position he became Inspector of Small Arms on the Staff of the Colonel of the Second Infantry with the rank of captain, a position which he still retains. In connection with the military service he has won high honors as a marksman and sharpshooter. His fraternal relationships are with the Masonic and Pythian orders. James W. Inglis is descended from Scottish ancestry. His father, James, was born in Selkirk, Scotland, came to America in 1852, living in Boston two years, went to California by way of the Isthmus of Panama where he lived for three years. He then engaged in farming in Columbia county, Wis., where he is still living at the good old age of eighty-eight years and where his good wife passed away in 1913 at the age of eighty-two years. James W. Inglis was married October 25, 1904, to Minnie Swett, who was born May 18, 1872, daughter of Franklin Swett, an architect at Fond du Lac, Wis. Mrs. Inglis graduated from the Oshkosh (Wis.) State Normal School and taught school for five years. She died December 18, 1908, leaving one child, Miriam, born September 6, 1905. September 3, 1913, Dr. Inglis married Gertrude

G. Hicks, who was born November 26, 1884, daughter of Steven P. Hicks, who farms near Tracy, Minn. Mrs. Inglis graduated from Pillsbury Academy at Owatonna, this state, and from Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, and taught school for a number of years before her marriage.

George Johnson was one of that small band of sturdy pioneers who settled in Redwood county in 1864, the first year in which people ventured to live here after the massacre. He was born in Bloom county, New York, was raised in that state and at the age of twenty-one started out in life for himself. An example of the conditions existing when he was a young man is shown by the fact that for several years he received but \$7.00 a month for his services. In 1840 filled with the sturdy spirit of the early pioneers he came westward to Wisconsin and took up a claim near the present city of Watertown. He erected a log cabin and with a team of oxen started breaking the land. So highly did he improve this place that in 1852 he was enabled to sell it for \$6,000 in gold. Then he came to Minnesota and settled in Le Seuer county where he farmed for some twelve years. It was in the fall of 1864 when he ventured up the Minnesota valley, found Col. McPhail and others who had then been living a few months at Redwood Falls and after visiting with them a short time, took a claim four miles east in Honner township. There he again started pioneer life. He constructed a shack, farmed with a team of oxen, lived on the simplest of fare and endured all the hardships, toils and privations incident to life in the frontier country. In 1876, ripe in wisdom and experience, he retired from active life and took up a home in Redwood Falls. He died while visiting his former home in Le Seuer.

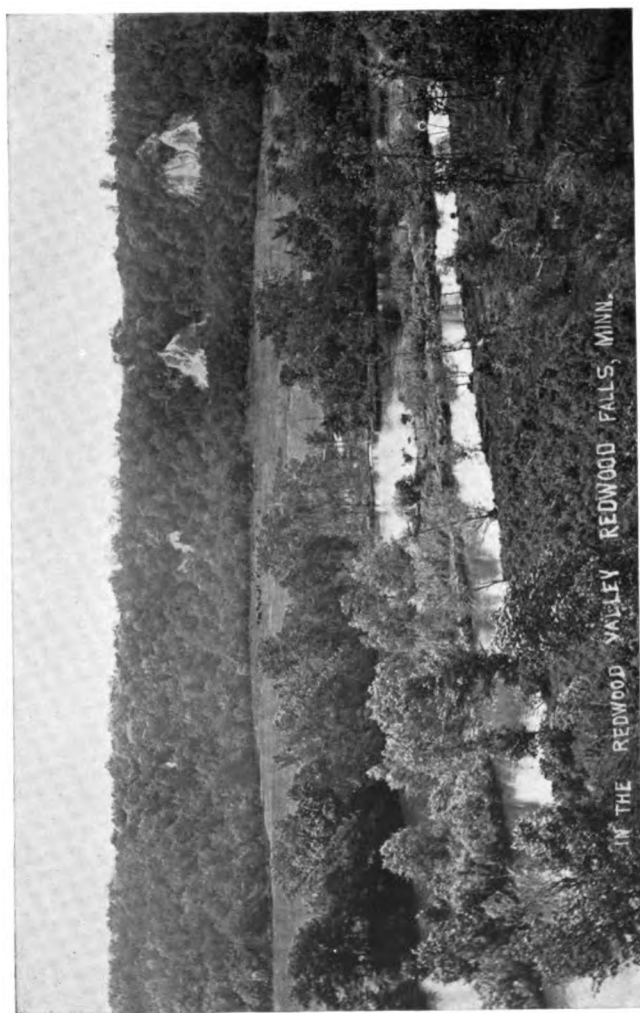
Henry D. Everett, pioneer Redwood Falls hotel keeper, and developer of one of Redwood county's best farms, was born in Orange county, New York, descended from a long line of sturdy Welsh pioneers of that state. As a young man he became a harness maker and carriage trimmer. In 1857 he moved to Ripon, Wisconsin, and from there to Berlin, Wisconsin. In both of these cities he followed his trade, and in the meantime developed a farm lying midway between the two places. It was in 1878 that he came to Redwood Falls, and became proprietor of the old "Commercial Hotel," located on the present site of the jail. Later he conducted the "Exchange Hotel," located on the present site of the "McAllister Hotel." About 1890, he moved to what is now the Alexander farm, west of the fair grounds, and developed this farm into one of the best in the county. Eleven years later he retired and moved to a pleasant home on Wyoming street, in Lamberton's addition, Redwood Falls. Here he died in 1902. **Mr. Everett** was a man of genial temperament and energetic disposition, and was widely known and liked. At one time he

served on the city council of Redwood Falls. He was married in Orange county, New York, to Caroline Mather, a direct descendant of Cotton Mather, the Plymouth colonist. This union was blessed with five children: Charles V., Elizabeth, Edward S., Janette and Fannie. Charles V. is treasurer of Redwood county. Elizabeth is the widow of E. D. McClintock, and lives in Minneapolis. Edward S. is now traveling in Wisconsin, having until recently lived in Everett, Washington. Janette married O. L. Dornberg, and died in 1884. Fannie teaches in Seattle, Washington. The mother died at her home, while on a visit, in 1915. The mother died at her home, while on a visit, in 1915.

Charles V. Everett, county official, public spirited citizen, and man of affairs, has been connected with the official life of Redwood county since 1885, and there is probably no man better acquainted with the county's records and transactions than he. In addition to his county work, he has been prominent as a fraternity man, as an officer of the county fair, as chief of the fire department, and as one of the energetic "boosters" of Redwood county and Redwood Falls. He was born in Orange county, New York, Sept. 3, 1852, son of Henry D. and Caroline (Mather) Everett, both of old Colonial stock. He was brought to Wisconsin by his parents and received his early education in the schools of Ripon and Berlin, in that state. In 1875 he went to Boston, Mass., and took a two years' course in Comer's Commercial College. In 1878 he joined his parents in Wisconsin, and with them came to Redwood Falls the same year. For a time he engaged in the hotel business with his father and for a time in the livery business with E. D. McClintock. In the early eighties he became assistant to Till Tibbetts, then county surveyor. Jan. 4, 1887, he succeeded Mr. Tibbetts, and held office until Jan. 3, 1893. Since that time he has continued his interest in civil engineering and has done more or less surveying even to the present time. Mr. Everett worked in the auditor's office under Till Tibbetts who took office in 1887, and Andrew H. Anderson who took office in 1891. In 1895, when Charles W. Mead became sheriff in place of Casper Blethen, resigned, Mr. Everett became his deputy. Again, under Isaac N. Tompkins, who took office in 1899, he became deputy auditor, and so continued under Lars P. Larson who took office in 1907. When N. V. R. Hunter died in August, 1911, Mr. Everett was appointed treasurer, in which position he still remains. He was a charter member of the I. O. O. F., and belongs to the Masons, the Foresters and the Maccabees. He has been secretary of the county fair for some years, and was at one time village marshal of Redwood Falls. The family faith is that of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Everett was married Sept. 14, 1887, to Jennie Geraldson, born Sept. 17, 1870. This union has been blessed with two children, Helen and Harold



C. V. EVERETT AND FAMILY



IN THE REDWOOD VALLEY REDWOOD FALLS, MINN.

Ben. Helen was born July 21, 1891, graduated from the Albert Lea College, Albert Lea, Minn., in 1914, and is now a teacher in Columbus, Mont. Harold Ben was born Feb. 9, 1894. He has been assisting his father in his official duties, but is now on the Mexican border with Company L., Second Regiment, Minnesota National Guard.

Marion F. Johnson, assistant superintendent of the beautiful Ramsey State Park in Redwood Falls, has lived in this county longer than any other man, coming here when there were only a few scattered cabins. He has watched a pioneer country, but recently ravished by the Indians, developed year by year into one of the most prosperous communities of the Northwest. During the nearly half century which he has lived here as boy and man he has had his part in the development and upbuilding of the community and is one of the most honored and revered citizens of this part of the Minnesota Valley. Mr. Johnson was born in Watertown, Wis., Oct. 22, 1849, son of George and Mary (Calph) Johnson, both natives from New York state. He was taken by his parents to LeSeuer county in 1852 and brought by them to Redwood Falls and Honner township in 1864. Upon his first arrival in Redwood Falls he slept for a time in the famous McPhail cabin which is now reserved as a historic landmark in the park of which he is assistant superintendent. At the age of seventeen he struck out for himself, but two years later returned home and at the age of twenty-one was presented by his father with eighty acres of land. This by diligent effort he developed and improved. He erected some splendid buildings as conditions required and in time had one of the finest farms in the neighborhood. In 1905 he retired from farm life and in 1911 disposed of his farm holdings. He has been engaged in his present work at the park since 1912. A republican in politics, Mr. Johnson has seen considerable public life both in Sheridan and Redwood Falls townships. He was chairman of the town board, overseer, roadmaster and member of the school board in Sheridan. While in Redwood Falls he has been a councilman and a member of the board of education. His fraternal affiliation is with the Odd Fellows. Mr. Johnson was married in 1876 to Mary E. Stegner, who died in 1906. In 1913 he married Mrs. Laura Peck. He is the father of ten children: Hannah, Mary, Josephine, Benjamin, George, Alwilda, Leonard, Sarah, Bessie, and Florence.

Frank Olague, lawyer, former representative and senator of the state, was born in Ohio, came to Minnesota in 1881, attended the common schools and Mankato State Normal School and taught school for five years. Then he read law in the office of Pfau & Young of Mankato and was admitted to the bar in November, 1891. He practiced law at Lamberton, Minn., until Jan. 1, 1910, when he located in the city of Redwood Falls where he now

resides. He was county attorney of Redwood county from 1895 to 1903; state representative from 1903 to 1907, being speaker of the House during the session of 1905; and state senator, representing Redwood and Brown counties, 1907 to 1915. He was vice president of the Senate and chairman of the finance commission during the sessions of 1911 and 1913. Mr. Clague does a general law business, is interested in farming and banking. At present he is director of the State Bank of Redwood Falls and president of the First National Bank of Lamberton, also president of Lamberton Land Company. Fraternally he is associated with the A. F. & A. M., commander of the Redwood Falls Commandery and is a thirty-second degree Mason. He is also a member of the K. P., I. O. O. F., B. P. O. E. and M. W. A. lodges. Mr. Clague was married in 1895 to Stella Porter, a daughter of John and Ellen Porter of Vernon Center, Blue Earth county, Minn.

August C. Burmeister, proprietor of the Redwood Falls Roller Mills and Electric Light plant, was born in Hille, Germany, April 9, 1861, son of Frederick Burmeister, a farmer in Germany, who died in 1900 at the age of eighty-two and his wife, Anna (Hopman) Burmeister, who died in 1887 at the age of fifty years. August C. Burmeister came to America in 1877 and worked as a miller in Irving, New York, for two years. The next few years were spent at various places, one year in Milwaukee; one year in Milford, Wis.; another year in Milwaukee; two years in Madison, Wis.; and two years in Lake Mills and Madison, Wis. In the fall of 1889 he came to Redwood Falls and bought the Redwood Falls Roller Mills. When he purchased the plant it had a capacity of fifty barrels per day; now it has an output of 125 barrels per day. It is thoroughly modern, equipped with both water and steam power. In 1898 an electric light plant was started and run in connection with the mill until 1909, when a suitable building was erected and modern machinery installed. It is located on the bank of the Redwood river, north of Redwood Falls. It uses an alternating current of 300 horsepower and 200 kilowatt and serves Morgan, Morton, Franklin and North Redwood. At the present time Mr. Burmeister is installing a public heating plant which will supply the business houses. Seven men are regularly employed at his plant and much extra help is frequently engaged. Mr. Burmeister is one of the prominent men of Redwood Falls and holds several responsible positions. He was president of the First National Bank of Redwood Falls for some time and at present is the vice president and chairman of the board of directors. For four years he has been a member of the city council and also of the board of education. Mr. Burmeister was married Sept. 10, 1887, to Lillian J. Hooper, born Dec. 24, 1863. Her father, Richard Hooper, a miller at Lake



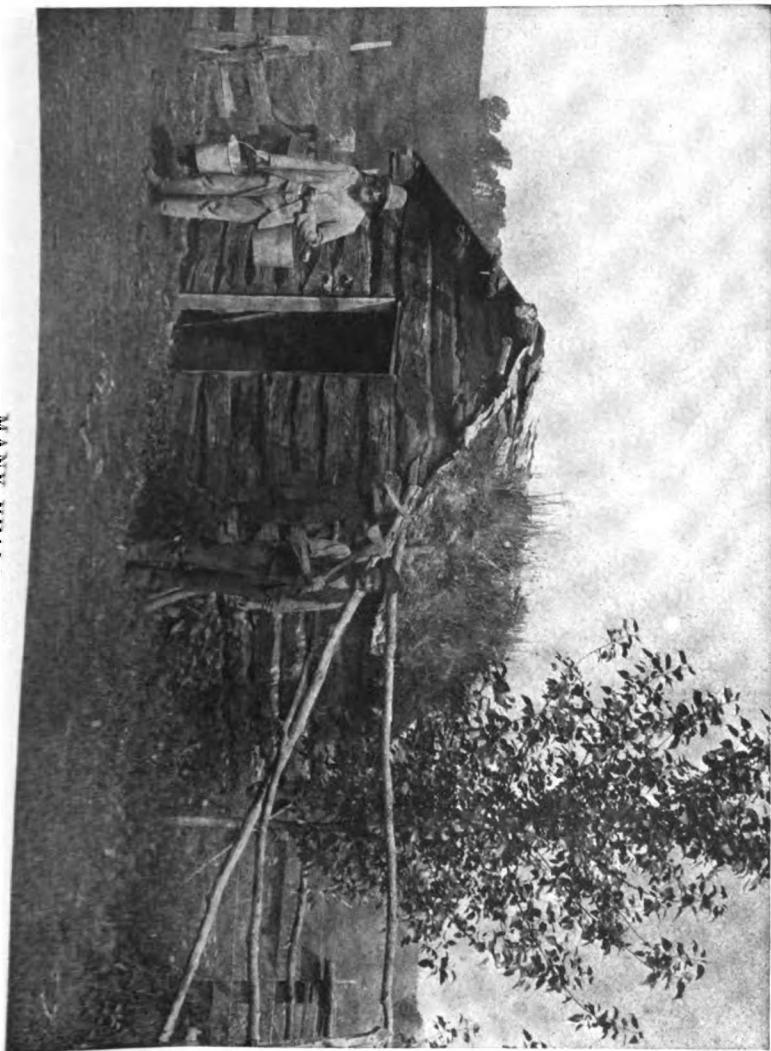
MR. AND MRS. A. C. BURNEISTER

Mills, Wis., was born in Cornwall and died in 1912 at the age of eighty-five years. The mother, Abigail (Lent) Hooper, now lives at Lake Mills. Mr. and Mrs. Burmeister have had five children: Edith, Winnifred, Margaret, Charles and Augusta. Edith was born June 17, 1889. After graduating from the Redwood Falls high school, she entered Hamline University, and was there graduated in 1912. Subsequently she taught school at Elmore, Minn., a year. She is now the wife of L. Parsons, who is proprietor of a garage at Amboy, Minn. Margaret was born Feb. 17, 1902. After graduating from the Redwood Falls high school, she entered the Illinois Women's College, at Jacksonville, Ill., and was there graduated in 1915. She is now teaching at Buffalo, Minn. Charles was born Aug. 27, 1905, and is doing well at his studies in the Redwood Falls schools. Augusta is dead.

Ole J. Bollum, superintendent of the county home, was born in Goodhue county, Dec. 5, 1862, son of Ole and Helena (Opegaard) Bollum. The father was born in Norway, came to America in 1862, engaged in farming in Belvidere township, Goodhue county and remained there until his death in 1893 at the age of seventy-six years. He was married in 1847 and his wife died in 1914 at the age of ninety-three years. Ole J. Bollum remained at home until his marriage in 1886 when he engaged in farming for himself. In 1892 he left Goodhue county and entered the general merchandise and hotel business at Boyd, Minn. At the end of seven years his property burned and he moved to Hanley Falls, where he engaged in the hotel and grain business until 1908. Then for three years he sold monuments for Pentony Bros. in Redwood Falls. His ability attracted attention, and on June 15, 1912, he was appointed to his present position as superintendent of the county home and county farm. No better a man could have been chosen. With good business ability, and executive talent, he combines a special aptitude for solving the many problems incident to his position, and both his work and his worth are highly regarded throughout the county. The county home has twenty-six acres of land on the western side of the city. There is a fine building costing about \$17,000, accommodating about twenty people. There are from 10 to 15 inmates at the present time. Mr. Bollum was married May 26, 1886, to Annie Carlson, born July 19, 1867, in Norway. Her father, Karl Carlson, was born in Norway and came to America in 1870, living at Frontenac, Goodhue county till his death, January, 1906, at the age of sixty-nine years. Her mother, Karina (Loekken) Carlson, died in 1899 at the age of seventy-two. Mr. and Mrs. Bollum have had four children: Claude O., born Nov. 5, 1887, and died April 14, 1889; Chester O., born June 6, 1889, died July 29, 1913; Edwin H. and Edith C. (twins), born Aug. 13, 1894. Edwin H. is clerk for Aune & Thune, in Redwood Falls.

John Clark, a retired farmer of Redwood Falls, Minn., was born in Scotland, Oct. 15, 1844, son of John and Margaret (Sinclair) Clark. The father was born in 1803 and emigrated in 1856, with his family to Ontario, Canada, where he bought 100 acres on which he lived until his death in 1877. The mother was born in 1813 and died in Ontario in 1890. Of the nine children in the family living, John and his sister, Catherine, now Mrs. Archie Currie, of western Canada, are the only ones living. John Clark left the parental roof at twenty years of age and bought 100 acres near his father's place on which he lived until 1879. In that year he came to Redwood county and bought 80 acres in Redwood Falls township. Later many improvements and additions were made until at one time he owned 600 acres, on which he made a specialty of raising grain and breeding swine, cattle and horses. The farm was well situated in a fine grove and was further beautified by a small apple orchard of about two and a half acres. Here he lived until 1913 when he retired and moved to Redwood Falls where he owns a pleasant home surrounded by three acres of well kept grounds. As the children grew to maturity he gave each one of them a portion of the farm. His son, Chester, is now living on the old homestead, the other children all having sold their portions and moved away. Mr. Clark has taken great interest in the activities of the community and has been chairman of the board of supervisors of Redwood Falls township for four years. He was trustee of the school board of district No. 46 for nine years, and for fifteen years he was assessor of Redwood Falls township. In politics he is a Republican. The family faith is that of the Christian church. Mr. Clark was married Nov. 5, 1864, to Mary Jane Caldwell, a lady of Scotch descent, born in Ireland, Jan. 5, 1847, daughter of James and Margaret (Morrison) Caldwell. From Ireland, the Caldwell family came to Canada in 1848, where the parents died, the father on January 17, 1869, and the mother, Feb. 8, 1878, leaving four children: James, now of Michigan; John, now of Colorado; Mary, now Mrs. John Clark; and Roger, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are the proud forebears of eighteen children, thirty-one grandchildren and one great grandchild. John, born Sept. 2, 1865, lives in Regina, Canada, and has six children; Margaret, born Sept. 18, 1866, now widow of Geo. L. Evans of Redwood Falls, has eight children and one grandchild; James, born Nov. 1, 1868, of North Dakota, has four children; Flora, born March 15, 1867, now Mrs. T. S. Wilcox, Wabasso, Minn., has four children; Rebecca, born Nov. 22, 1869, now Mrs. Charles Beers of Redwood Falls township, has three children; Daniel, born April 1, 1870, is a merchant at Minneapolis; Alfred, born August 16, 1872, is a lawyer at Portland, Ore.; Alexander, born August 9, 1874, lives in Regina, Canada, and has three children; Fred,

MANY YEARS AGO





DR. W. A. BRAND

born Nov. 6, 1876, of Sacramento, Cal., has two children; Jennie E., born July 12, 1879, is Mrs. Frank Stanford, Denver, Colo.; Catherine, born April 20, 1881, is now Mrs. Dalbert Hicks, Regina, Can., and has one child; Lillian, born Jan. 16, 1881, now Mrs. Chas. Walker, lives in California; Malcolm, born Sept. 4, 1882, lives in Portland, Ore., where he is a lawyer; Dorothy, born Sept. 17, 1883, is a high school principal; Maude, born May 29, 1884, now Mrs. Earl Butcher, resides in Redwood county; Isabelle, born Jan. 6, 1886, is a school teacher at Minot, N. D.; Chester, born June 11, 1890, lives on the old homestead; and Blanche, born March 21, 1892, is a school teacher at International Falls, Minn.

William A. Brand, M. D., was born in Faribault, Minn., Feb. 25, 1876, son of Charles and Mary (Bury) Brand. His father was born in Germany in 1842 and came to America in 1860, locating in Illinois where he lived until 1867. Feb. 16, 1865, he enlisted in Company L., First Minnesota Heavy Artillery, saw service at Chattanooga, Tenn., and was discharged Sept. 27, 1865. In 1867 he located in Waseca count, Minnesota, where he homesteaded in Blooming Grove township. In 1880 he moved to Lac qui Parle county, Minnesota, and in 1885 to Big Stone City, South Dakota, where he conducted a nursery until his death in 1907. He was a member of the German Evangelical church, a class leader, and a very strong and active prohibitionist all his life. The mother was born in Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 1, 1840, came to America in 1848, and now lives in Big Stone City, South Dakota. William A. Brand graduated from the high school of Milbank, South Dakota, in 1899 and from the University of Minnesota in 1904, receiving the degree of M. D. He took up post-graduate work in the Chicago, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat College and in the Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary, and June 14, 1904, located in Redwood Falls, where he has developed a very large practice. Dr. Brand is a member of the "Nu Sigma Nu" fraternity and of the state and national medical societies, also of the county society, being secretary of the county society from 1905 to 1910. He is very active in politics and was chairman for two years of the County Republican Central Committee in Redwood county and for three years in Grant county, South Dakota. Since 1909 he has served as county health officer. From 1906 to 1910 he served as city health officer. From 1907 to 1909 he served on the school board and is now a member of the public library board. Fraternally he is affiliated with the I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W., M. W. A., E. F. U., and with the K. P., in which he has held all of the chairs and is a trustee. He was also active in organizing Company L of the Second regiment of the Minnesota National Guards at Redwood Falls and was first sergeant for three years. He also was influential in getting a new armory and is now

the company's medical examiner. Other positions of honor now held by Dr. Brand are: Examining surgeon for United States Marine Corps, member of legislative council of American Medical Association for Minnesota, examining physician for advisory commission of State Sanatorium for Consumptives. Dr. Brand was married June 29, 1904, to Irene M. Ross, daughter of John Ross, a contractor and builder of Bemidji, and his wife Margaret (Shattuck) Ross, who died in 1914. Dr. and Mrs. Brand have two children: Berenice E., born Oct. 20, 1905, and William Ross, born March 21, 1912.

John Whittet, builder, contractor and agriculturist, was born in Perthshire, Scotland, Feb. 28, 1809, and was reared to the building trades. In August, 1850, he came to America and secured a tract of land in Sumner township, Jefferson county, Wisconsin, where he farmed until his lamented death, June 2, 1870. His wife, Janet Watson, was born in Perthshire, Scotland, Aug. 19, 1821, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Otto G. Striegl, at Milton Junction, Rock county, Wisconsin, June 2, 1911. The children in the family were six: John, of Redwood county; George, of Redwood county; William, of Rock county, Wisconsin; Thomas, of Redwood county; and Lena, now Mrs. Otto G. Striegl, of Rock county, Wisconsin. + *D. W. Whittet of Redwood Falls, Minn.*

Job Bunting was born in England, was there reared, and as a young man came to America and located in Wisconsin, where he married Mary Nobles, also a native of the same country. In their family there were six children: Isaac, now of Dane county, Wisconsin; Joseph, now of Delhi, this county; Amos, now of Dane county, Wisconsin; Salina, wife of Henry Abbott, of Edgerton, Wisconsin; Elizabeth, now wife of Arthur Vickers, of Albion, Wisconsin; and Alice, wife of David W. Whittet, of this county.

David W. Whittet, agriculturist, man-of-affairs and former county commissioner, has lived in Redwood county for more than forty-five years and has witnessed all the marvelous changes by which the county has changed from a wild frontier region into a well-settled, prosperous farming community of wealth and progress. He was born in Scotland, Sept. 24, 1848, son of John and Jennette (Watson) Whittet, who brought him to Jefferson county, Wisconsin, in 1850. There he was reared and educated. In 1871 he came to Redwood county, and with his brother John bought 160 acres in section 35, Delhi township. Later John traded his interest to his brother George. David W. in addition to this has acquired a tract of 105 acres in section 2, Redwood township. For many years Mr. Whittet carried on general farming in a successful manner. His son now occupies the farm and raises general mixed crops. For many years Mr. Whittet was too busy developing his farm to accept public office, though he was from the very beginning interested in the progress and better-



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ment of the whole community. Later he began to assume many public responsibilities. For twelve years he served on the board of supervisors, part of the time as chairman. For a time he was township assessor. His excellent work for the township attracted attention, and he was elected county commissioner, serving for six years with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his fellow-citizens. Fraternally, Mr. Whittet is a member of Redwood Falls Lodge, No. 91, A. F. & A. M. Mr. Whittet was married March 22, 1868, to Alice Bunting, born in Dane county, Wisconsin, May 15, 1848, daughter of Job and Mary (Nobles) Bunting, and this union has been blessed with four children: Byron, William, Mary Jessie, and James. Byron was born Feb. 2, 1871; William, Feb. 8, 1875; Mary Jessie, Aug. 27, 1877, and James, June 3, 1883. There are also eighteen grandchildren, fourteen boys and four girls.

William G. Ward, attorney, civil engineer, legislator and veteran of the Civil war, was born in Oneida county, New York, Dec. 27, 1830, and was there reared. As a young man he came to Madison, Wisconsin, and there, in 1858, he took up the study of law with Wood & Blake. Later he had such men as Matt. Baldwin and George B. Smith for his preceptors. Thus prepared, he was admitted to the bar, Judge Harlow S. Orton being the presiding judge when he was admitted. When the call came for troops to defend the Union, Mr. Ward enlisted and served throughout the conflict. Upon coming to Minnesota, Mr. Ward was made chief engineer on the Winona & St. Peter Railroad. Mr. Ward became a prominent man, represented his district in the legislature several terms, and in 1880 was a candidate for member of Congress on the Republican ticket. In December, 1852, Mr. Ward married Martha Dodge. She died in November, 1865, leaving two children: Clarence Tully Ward, formerly of Redwood Falls, Minnesota, now deceased, and Anna Lucretia, now the widow of E. A. Hendrickson, of Minneapolis. For his second wife, Mr. Ward married Ella Trowbridge, and to this union there were born four children: Mattie, widow of D. L. Cummings, of Waseca, Minnesota; Rosco P., of Waseca; Florence, now Mrs. C. H. Watson, of Waseca; and Earl Whipple, of Canada.

Clarence Tully Ward, for many years one of Redwood Falls' most eminent as well as most popular citizens, was born in Booneville, New York, Sept. 15, 1854, son of William G. and Martha (Dodge) Ward. As a boy he was brought to Madison, Wisconsin. When the Civil war broke out and the father enlisted in the army, the duty of helping support the family fell upon young Clarence, and in after-life he often told with relish of selling papers on the streets of Madison to bring in a little money for his mother. In 1868 he came to Minnesota and joined his father

at Waseca. After attending school there for a while he took the four years' course in Shattuck Military Academy at Faribault, this state, and then studied two years in the University of Minnesota. Then he entered the law office of Davis, O'Brien & Wilson at St. Paul. Thus prepared he was admitted to the bar and entered into partnership with E. A. Hendrickson, at St. Paul. In November, 1882, he came to Redwood Falls and entered into partnership with his father-in-law, Judge H. D. Baldwin. Later they discontinued the practice of law, purchased the private banking business of George Brayley, and established the Redwood County Bank. He was city recorder in 1884, and was mayor of Redwood Falls in 1886. He assisted in the material upbuilding of the city by erecting several buildings on Main street. Fraternally he was a chapter, commandery and blue lodge Mason and a member of the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Ward was a generous, liberal-hearted man, and made friends wherever he went. His death, May 25, 1893, was sincerely mourned. He was married, Dec. 21, 1876, to Annie Elizabeth Baldwin, who was born in Dunkirk, Wisconsin, daughter of H. D. Baldwin. Three children were born to this couple: Ella, born Aug. 8, 1879, and died March 12, 1888; Clinton B., born Aug. 10, 1881, and died Nov. 7, 1882; and Harry W., now of Redwood Falls.

Harry W. Ward, the present city recorder of Redwood Falls, was born in Redwood Falls, April 3, 1884, son of Clarence T. and Annie E. (Baldwin) Ward. The father was born in 1854 and came from Waseca to Redwood in 1882, and with H. D. Baldwin opened the Baldwin & Ward Bank, now the First National Bank. He remained with this institution until his death, 1892. The mother was born in 1855 and was a daughter of H. D. Baldwin. Harry W. Ward attended the public schools and the high school and finished his education at Macalester College and at Shattuck College of Faribault. He turned his attention to the banking business and organized the State Bank of Carlyle, Carlyle, South Dakota, becoming its president until the fall of 1912, when he went into the real estate and insurance business in Redwood Falls. Jan. 19, 1914, he was appointed city recorder, and in January, 1915, was elected to the same office for the ensuing term. Mr. Ward is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and also of the K. P. He is a member of the Episcopal church. He was married Oct. 5, 1906, to Mary Dunnington, born Feb. 7, 1886, daughter of T. E. and Mary Dunnington. Her father is a tobacco dealer of Malta, Ohio. He has served as postmaster for sixteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Ward have one child, Grace, born Dec. 22, 1907.

Darwin L. Bigham, for nearly fifty years a resident of Redwood county, has, since the earliest days, been a vital factor in its growth and progress. He was born in Hamilton, Ohio, Nov. 24,

1843, son of William and Martha (Ross) Bigham. He received an excellent early education at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and was graduated as a civil engineer in the fall of 1866. He came to Minneapolis and engaged in the produce business with A. L. Whitney, under the firm name of Whitney & Bigham, the store being located on Bridge Square. In connection with this store, Mr. Bigham traveled extensively through Minnesota, buying butter, eggs, potatoes, beans, onions and the like, thus supplying the farmers with ready cash and bringing to Minneapolis many much needed staple articles of food. In 1867 he decided to locate in Redwood Falls. The place on account of its natural beauty and future possibilities had appealed strongly both to his artistic and business sense. With Henry Baker, he set out from Minneapolis with a horse team, passed through Watertown, Green Leaf, New Ulm, Ft. Ridgely and Beaver Falls, crossed the Martell Ferry at the Lower Sioux Agency, and reached his future residence. Upon his arrival here, he purchased the Honner cabin, facing north on the alley which now divides block —. Mr. Honner continued to live in one side of the house. Mr. Bigham began to deal in land and early in 1868 opened the first lumber yard west of New Ulm. This he continued for several years. During the grasshopper period he lost many thousands of dollars in bad debts and it took him many years to recoup himself. Mr. Bigham has served as county surveyor at intervals since the earliest days and has been prominent in road, bridge, and ditch building. For several years he did most efficient service as county superintendent of schools. In connection with his business he has traveled extensively in Minnesota, North and South Dakota, and he has also visited the Argentine Republic, staying several months each time. He has been on the township board, on the village council, on the board of education and has served in other positions of public trust and private honor. Mr. Bigham was married Aug. 18, 1867, to Anna Stimson, who was born in England, Dec. 31, 1842. Mr. and Mrs. Bigham have been blessed with six children: Zelma, Martha, William, Lydia, Addie G., and Darwin R. Zelma is the wife of Robert Turrell, a civil engineer for the Great Northern Railway at Havre, Montana. Martha married Frank Colver, who has been connected with the St. Paul Despatch for some twenty years. William R. died in 1890 at the age of nineteen. Lydia A. married F. A. Searing, secretary of the Board of Trade at Mankato, Minnesota. Addie G., a linotype operator, is at home. Darwin R. is a farmer in Montana.

Angus D. McRae, register of deeds, was born in Ontario, Canada, on Dec. 14, 1874, a son of John D. and Mary (Matheson) McRae. Mr. McRae lived at home with his parents until he was about seventeen years of age. In 1894 he graduated from the Sleepy Eye high school, after which he attended the Mankato

normal school for one year. Mr. McRae then taught two years in the public schools of Brown county, and on Sept. 10, 1897, he started the newspaper known as the Sanborn Sentinel at Sanborn, Minnesota. He continued running this paper until the fall of 1908, at which time he was elected register of deeds of Redwood county, and has since been re-elected three times, and still occupies that position. Mr. McRae was postmaster of Sanborn, Minnesota, from the spring of 1903 until Jan. 1, 1909. He was also treasurer of the village of Sanborn for three years. Mr. McRae is a member of the A. F. & A. M. and of the Knights of Pythias. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has filled all the chairs in the same. Mr. McRae was married on Nov. 29, 1901, to Margaret E. Dotson. Mrs. McRae was born Nov. 9, 1875, and graduated from the high school of Santa Cruz, California. She was a teacher in the public schools of Redwood county for four years. She is a daughter of Enos P. and Emma (Knapp) Dotson. Mr. Dotson was a grain dealer at Sanborn, Minnesota, for twenty-eight years; he was the organizer of the State Bank of Sanborn, and was its president for many years. He was also mayor of the village of Sanborn for thirteen years. Mr. Dotson (age 63) and Mrs. Dotson (age 57) are now living at Santa Cruz, California. Angus D. McRae's father, John D. McRae, was born and raised in Ontario; he moved to the United States in 1879, and farmed in Home township, Brown county, until the fall of 1913, at which time he gave up farming and moved to Maxville, Ontario, where he still lives in good health at the age of eighty-two years. The mother is still living at the age of seventy-four years with her husband at the same place.

Rudolph Stensvad, better known as "Rud." Stensvad, creameryman, garage owner, dealer in automobiles, accessories and supplies, is one of that long list of men who have added distinction to the mayor's chair of the city of Redwood Falls. Energetic and progressive, he has taken an interest alike in rural and city development, and has had his share in the modern upbuilding of the county. He was born on a farm in New Richland township, Waseca county, this state, March 11, 1874, son of A. J. Stensvad and Ingeborg Rollefson, who came from Norway as young people, were married in Waseca county, and farmed in New Richland township the remainder of their days, the father dying in 1904 and the mother in 1881. "Rud." attended the district schools of his neighborhood and was reared on the home farm. At the age of seventeen he became an apprentice buttermaker in the North Star Creamery in his native township. Seeing the need of better preparation, he entered the State Dairy School of the University of Minnesota at St. Anthony. He graduated in the spring of 1892, and went to Belvidere Mills,



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Minn., where he engaged in creamery work. He was similarly employed in Bird Island from 1893 to 1894, and in Hartland from 1894 to 1898. Then he and his brothers, Ole and John, went to Iowa and purchased creameries at Rock Valley, Marcus, and Hull. The Hull creamery came under the direct management of the subject of this sketch, who successfully conducted it until 1907. It was that year that he sold out, came to Redwood Falls, and purchased the old Farmers' Co-operative Creamery. He disposed of the old building, moved the equipment to its present location at the corner of Mill and Third streets, purchased new machinery, installed new systems in various departments, and built up a splendid institution, making himself one of the leading creamerymen of the Northwest. In April, 1916, he purchased the Lobdell Garage, securing the equipment, and leasing the building for two years, with the option of buying at any time during these two years. Of his future plans, the Redwood Gazette at that time said: "Mr. Stensvad will have associated with him his two sons, both of whom understand automobiles, repairs, battery work, etc., thoroughly. A complete Cadillac service station will be installed in the garage. Mr. Stensvad having been the Cadillac representative for southwestern Minnesota for several years, will continue the agency, along with the garage business proper. The agency for United States tires and supplies will also be continued and also the Willard storage battery station, special attention being paid to the recharging and keeping in order of batteries.

"Mr. Stensvad has had broad experience with automobiles and all lines of work connected with them. His new quarters, which Mr. Lobdell leaves splendidly equipped for all lines of work, give a fine opportunity to both Mr. Stensvad and his sons to put their knowledge to use to the best advantage and to render better service to the public than ever before. The many friends whom Mr. Stensvad has made during his Redwood Falls residence are pleased that he is to continue his work under the more favorable conditions of the new establishment. Every one is confident that the success of the Lobdell garage will be continued under the new proprietorship." The months that have passed since then have more than justified these expectations, and Mr. Stensvad is building up a substantial business, which is rapidly increasing in size and importance. Mr. Stensvad is the secretary and treasurer and executive committee member of the Retail Automobile Dealers' Association, which has for its object and motto "Standardization of the automobile business, making it a business, not a game." Since 1912 he has been president of the Redwood County Agricultural Society, and to his efforts and devoted work is largely due its splendid reputation throughout the state. Politically, Mr. Stensvad has been very active. For two terms

he has been on the city council, and for one term did excellent service as mayor. He is secretary of the Redwood County Central Democratic Committee, and has been a delegate to state Democratic conventions. For two terms he has managed the political campaigns of Hon. Joseph R. Keefe. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic and Pythian orders. Mr. Stensvad was married at Hartland, Minnesota, July 26, 1895, to Lina Sibilrud, born Nov. 1, 1878, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius C. Sibilrud. Mr. and Mrs. Stensvad have been blessed with three children, Ingolf M., born Jan. 8, 1897; Julian Arthur, born June 20, 1898, and Norma Agnes, born Jan. 26, 1902. Both of the sons are employed by their father as mechanics.

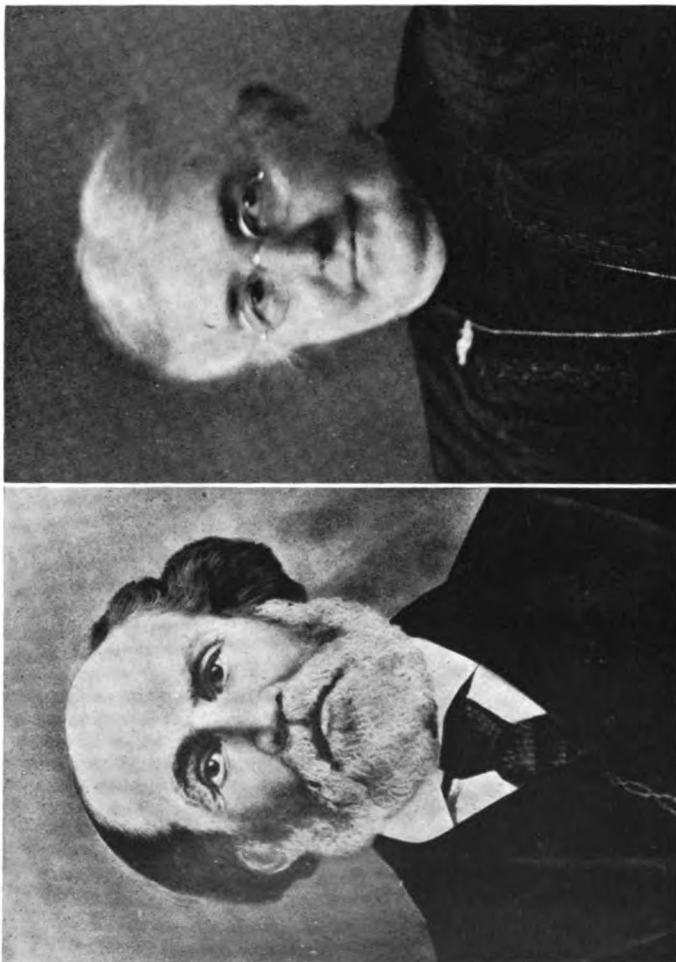
Donald Stewart, a sturdy pioneer of Redwood county, was born in Campbellton, Scotland, May 1, 1834, son of Hugh and Annie (McLean) Stewart, descended from the ancient royal Stewart clan of that country. The former came to Canada when Donald was a boy. There they lived for a number of years. From there in 1860 Donald Stewart and his brothers, Archibald, Andrew and John, came to Wabasha county, this state. It is worthy of note that all of these four brothers afterwards came to Redwood county and all became prominent and prosperous citizens, Andrew being the only one of the four who is now living. Donald Stewart arrived in Redwood county in the fall of 1871 and secured a half section of land in sections 10 and 15, Redwood Falls township. His first building was a frame shanty 16 by 24 feet, which in later years was converted into a granary. Beginning to farm on a small scale and gradually breaking more and more of his land, Mr. Stewart in time attained unusual prosperity. Of sturdy Scotch principles, he early espoused the prohibition cause and fought hard for his belief in the days when temperance was not so popular as it is at the present time. At one time he was a candidate for the legislature. A thorough believer in education, he served for some years as a school director. It is worthy of note that Mr. Stewart specialized in the dairy business at the time when many others believed that this county was more adapted to the feeding and shipping of stock and would never become a leading cow district. His active life was brought to an untimely end July 2, 1896, when he was killed in a runaway accident. Mr. Stewart was married in London, Canada, July 1, 1861, going back to Canada from his farm in Wabasha county to claim his bride. His wife, Catherine (Watson), was born in Scotland, June 1, 1833, came to Canada as a girl, lived with her husband some ten years in Wabasha county, came to Redwood county with him, was an admirable helpmate in all his endeavors, and survived her husband by two years, dying Nov. 30, 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were the parents of eight children: Annie L. is the wife of Andrew D. Smith, of

Paxton township, Redwood county, Minnesota; Andrew D. is a farmer of Redwood Falls township, Redwood county; Margaret, of Seattle, Washington; Robert, of Redwood Falls township; Archie, deceased; Belle, now Mrs. W. J. McDonald, of Walnut Grove, Redwood county; John, of Melford, Minnesota; Catherine, now Mrs. Francis Pollard, of Morgan, Redwood county.

Andrew D. Stewart, agriculturist, man-of-affairs, and public speaker, was born in Wabasha county, this state, March 31, 1864, son of Donald and Catherine (Watson) Stewart, and was still a boy of tender years when his parents brought him to Redwood county in 1871. Here he was reared to agricultural pursuits and received his early education in the little red schoolhouse of district four, the fourth public school erected in this county. Later he attended the Winona State Normal School for two years. Thus equipped with the groundwork of the education, which he has since increased by deep reading and wide observation, he started teaching school in this county, serving schools at Delhi, North Redwood, and district No. 61 in Sheridan township. For several years the father and three sons, Andrew D., Robert, and John, farmed together on the old homestead, improving and developing it in various ways. In 1894 the partnership was dissolved, Andrew D. taking two hundred and eighty acres in sections 15 and 16, Redwood Falls township, and Robert taking a similar tract. It was at that time that Andrew D. moved into a small frame house on his present farm. By diligent labor and industrious effort, Mr. Stewart increased his farm to its present size of 600 acres. In 1899 he built his splendid present residence, and as necessity has required he has erected various barns and outbuildings. At the present time he is erecting a second set of buildings with the intention of dividing his farm into two divisions, both of which will be devoted largely to dairying and cattle feeding. A feature of this new set of buildings will be a concrete barn 34 by 64 feet. Nearly all of the farm which goes with these new buildings is tiled and fenced and the whole place will constitute one of the best rural estates in the county. As a public man, Mr. Stewart is widely known. He has perfected himself in the art of oratory and his services in this regard have been greatly in demand in Sunday school assemblies, farmers' picnics, social affairs. Aside from his farm holdings in Redwood county, he owns a half interest in a tract of three hundred fifty acres in Cass county, this state. A sincere friend of the farmer and true believer in rural co-operative effort, he has been secretary of the Redwood Falls Farmers Mutual Insurance Company nearly twenty-five years. He is president of the Redwood County Rural Telephone Company, director of the Farmers Elevator Company of Redwood Falls, secretary of the State Mutual Creamery and Cheese Factory Fire Insurance Company, and secretary

of the State Association of Farmers Mutual Insurance Companies. Active in religious work, he is president of the Redwood County Sunday School Association. His business holdings, in addition to stock in these various associations and companies, include stock in the State Bank of Redwood Falls, of which he is one of the directors, and in the Redwood Falls Keystone Silo Company, of which he is president and an active moving factor. An independent thinker, he has always chosen the course which he has believed to be right, regardless of political parties. He has been a candidate for a seat in the lower house of the Minnesota state legislature, has served the township as assessor for two years, and has been school clerk of his district for eight years. All in all, Mr. Stewart is a useful citizen and it may truly be said that the agricultural and social conditions of Redwood county have been bettered by his devoted efforts. Mr. Stewart was married Feb. 22, 1894, to Anna McNair, who was born Sept. 16, 1866, daughter of Robert and Anna (Grenleese) McNair, the former of whom was born in Scotland, Dec. 12, 1827, came to America in 1847, lived in Ohio until 1850, moved to Illinois, was there married in 1860 and there died Sept. 23, 1901, and the latter of whom was born April 10, 1833, and died June 23, 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have three children: Helen, Wallace and Douglas. Helen was born Oct. 30, 1895, and is now a student at Carlton College at Northfield, this state. Wallace was born June 2, 1898, was graduated from the Redwood Falls high school June 4, 1915, and is now attending the Carlton College. Douglas was born Nov. 26, 1903, and is doing splendidly in his studies in the school district which his father attended so many years ago.

Albert J. White was born in Marshall county, Iowa, Oct. 27, 1872, son of George B. and Eliza (Griffin) White. George B. White was for twenty-five years engaged in school work in central Iowa, being at one time the principal of Spring Creek Institute, near Oskaloosa, Iowa, which he assisted in developing into what is now Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa. He afterward entered the ministry of the Friends' church, remaining in this work until he retired, moving to Faribault, Minnesota, where he died in 1895, at the age of sixty-seven years. His wife died in 1913 at the age of seventy-eight years. Albert J. White spent one year at Le Grand Academy, Le Grand, Iowa, and graduated from New Providence Academy, New Providence, Iowa, in 1889. After working for one year on a farm he attended school at Penn College, afterward teaching school for four years in Rice county, Minnesota. He then removed to Estherville, Iowa, to become manager of a large stock farm, where he began the raising of pure-bred Galloway cattle, developing a fine herd under the firm name of E. H. White & Bro. Under his management these cattle



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were exhibited at the leading state fairs, the American Royal Shows at Kansas City, the International Live Stock Shows at Chicago, and at the St. Louis World's Fair. A large percentage of prizes were awarded to these cattle, and at one time this herd numbered nearly two hundred head. Pure-bred Percheron horses, Shropshire sheep and Shetland ponies were also handled at the same time under his management. In the spring of 1908 he sold out and came to Redwood Falls, Minnesota, where he has since remained, doing real estate business. He has been secretary of the Commercial Club since Jan. 1, 1914, and secretary of the Automobile Club since Jan. 1, 1913. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., of which he is now district deputy grand master; also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, of which he is venerable consul. Mr. White was married Oct. 2, 1895, to Laura E. Nichols, born July 22, 1872, daughter of George M. Nichols, a farmer of Rice county, Minnesota, who died in 1889, and Sarah (Lowe) Nichols. Mr. and Mrs. White have two children: Eva M., born July 18, 1896, a graduate of the Mankato State Normal School, and Ethel B., born February 13, 1900. The family united with the Methodist Episcopal church in Redwood Falls, Mr. White from the Friends' Church of Honey Creek, Iowa, and Mrs. White from the Congregational church of Fari-bault, Minnesota.

Rev. Joseph J. Tomek, pastor of the Church of St. Catherine (Roman Catholic), at Redwood Falls, Minn., was born at Veseli, Rice county, Minnesota, Dec. 25, 1882. He was educated at St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn., and St. Thomas College, St. Paul, Minnesota, being graduated from the latter institution in June, 1901. The same year he entered the Seminary of St. Paul, St. Paul, Minnesota, and was ordained to the priesthood on the 12th of June, 1907. He was assistant at the Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul, Minnesota, for three years until August, 1910. He was then appointed resident pastor of Redwood Falls parish, where he is still serving. During his pastorate a fine new church edifice has been erected, which is one of the best church buildings in this part of the state, and which was dedicated in November, 1915.

Holdridge Adsit, now deceased, for many years an honored and respected citizen of Redwood county, was born at Sand Lake, in Dutchess county, New York, June 22, 1823, the son of John and Olive (Emmons) Adsit, substantial residents of that state. He was reared to farm pursuits, receiving a thorough education in the district schools of his neighborhood. Some years after his marriage he decided to seek for his family the wider opportunities of the newer West, and accordingly moved to Wisconsin, where he became a representative farmer of Manchester township, in Green Lake county. It was in 1890 that

he came to Redwood county and located in Kintire township, on a farm he had purchased in 1885. Here he set at work with the same energy that had characterized his efforts in New York and Wisconsin. His long experience enabled him to direct his efforts along the most efficient lines, and his labor brought him success and prosperity. By judicious purchases he acquired different tracts of land until he owned 640 acres in section 28 and 160 acres in section 27. After a useful life, filled with hard work and worthy endeavor, he retired on Sept. 12, 1904, to Belview, where he died Nov. 19, 1904, sincerely mourned by all who knew him. Mr. Adsit was married Nov. 17, 1846, to Jane Ann Wilson, born June 19, 1823, and died Jan. 28, 1868. The following children were born to this marriage: Stanford W., born Jan. 1, 1849, became a carpenter at Belview, Minnesota, and married Dec. 7, 1873, Ina Child. They have three boys and two girls, one of whom, a son, Frank, of Minneapolis, is the inventor of the Adsit Telephone Lock Out, for use on party lines. Rosalie, born July 10, 1851, married Chauncey Childs, July 23, 1872, and they had three girls and one boy. Mr. Childs died Aug. 23, 1879, and his widow, November, 1883, married William Gamble, a farmer near Waupun, Wis. Martha J., born Oct. 11, 1852, was married, Jan. 22, 1874, to Eugene Leatherman, a pioneer in Redwood county, now farming in California, and they have one boy and two girls. Wilson J., born Sept. 19, 1858, a dentist of Indiana Harbor, Ind., was married April 27, 1885, to Ellen Folsom, and they have three boys and one girl. Edith, born Aug. 2, 1860, was married Jan. 1, 1880, to Horace Straight, a dentist of Markesan, Wis., and they have two boys and one girl. Grant E., manufacturer of the Adsit Telephone Lock Out at Minneapolis, was born May 11, 1864, and was married Nov. 22, 1885, to Lizzie Rickell. Holdridge Adsit was married a second time in Wisconsin, June 14, 1868, to Deborah Tickner, born Sept. 24, 1847, daughter of David Tickner, a farmer in New York, and his wife, Diantha (Pierce) Tickner. By the second marriage there were the following children: Holdridge, commonly known as "Deck," was born April 27, 1869, lives with his mother in Redwood Falls, and devotes his life to farming. Cora is also with her mother at Redwood Falls. She is one of the successful teachers of Redwood county. John H., born Oct. 2, 1881, is living at Minatare, Nebraska. Amy, born May 19, 1885, was married to Lyle Peterson, a farmer of Redwood county, Aug. 10, 1905, and they have four boys. Mabel, born October, 1888, is at home. The family are all members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Daniel L. Crimmins, auctioneer and land dealer, was born in Sterling, Mass., May 6, 1870, son of Daniel L. Crimmins. The father was born in the north of Ireland and came to America and engaged in the stock business until his death in 1900 at the

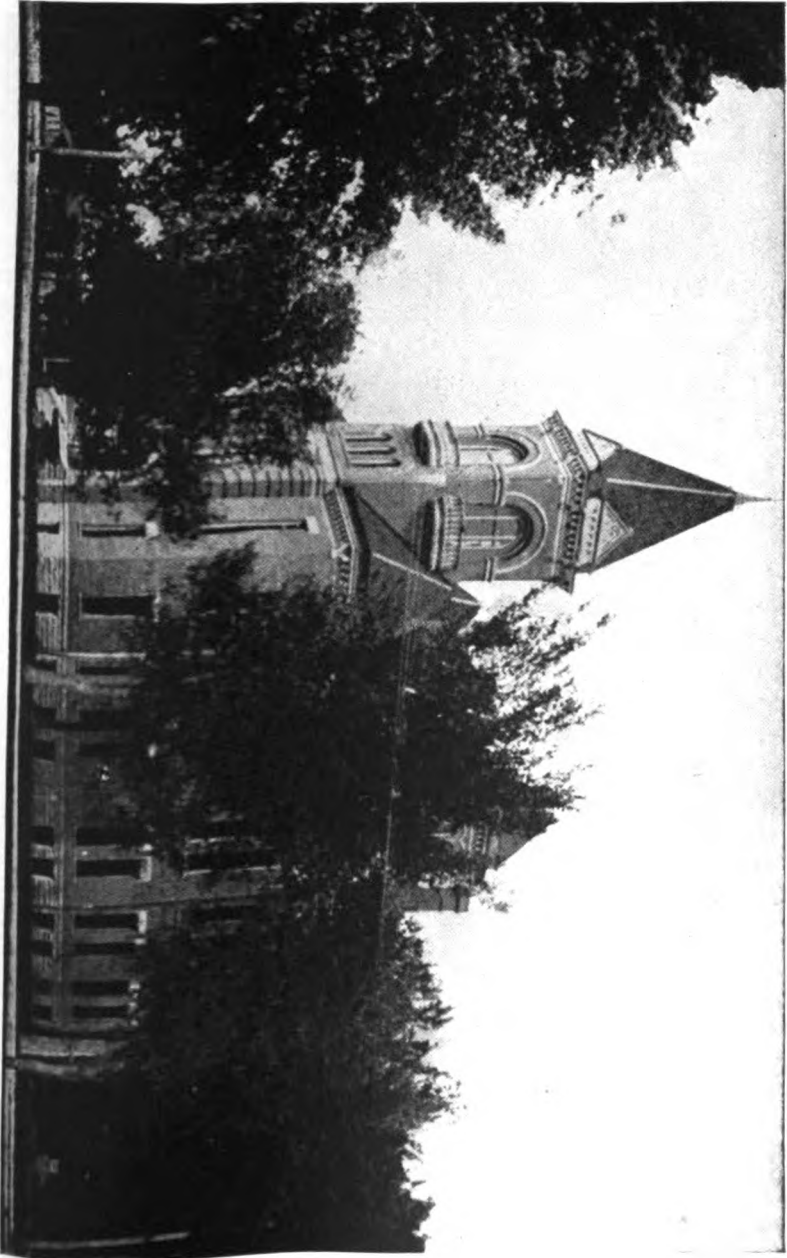
age of seventy-eight years. The mother, Mary (Hart) Crimmins, died in 1905 at the age of eighty-five years. Daniel L. Crimmins remained at home until he was seventeen years of age. Then he engaged in the meat business in St. Paul and after two years became buyer of cattle for Swift & Co., in Chicago. Three years were spent in this work and three years in the produce business in Gaylord, Minnesota, where his property burned. Then he moved to Morton, Minnesota, where he was auctioneer and land dealer for four years, after which he engaged in the mercantile business in Olivia. In 1905 he came to Redwood county. He now owns 2,400 acres of land in Redwood county and feeds cattle and swine for the market. He "cries" large sales in Redwood, Renville, Brown, and Yellow Medicine counties, as well as other counties, and also deals extensively in land through this region, having many large farms on his list and a large number of well-satisfied customers. Fraternally, Mr. Crimmins is affiliated with the I. O. O. F. and has held all of the chairs. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Crimmins was married Jan. 1, 1896, to Charlotte Colt, born April 17, 1870. Three children have been born to them: Ella, Sept. 21, 1900; Gladys, May 25, 1904, and Charlotte, Dec. 3, 1905.

George W. Clark, a retired farmer of Redwood Falls, was born in Bethany, Michigan, March 26, 1858, son of Alfred and Elizabeth (Rooks) Clark. The father was born in Scott, Cortland county, New York, and came to Michigan in 1857, where he farmed until 1868. Then he homesteaded in Redwood county in the northwest quarter of section 24, Sheridan township, and lived there until 1888, when he retired from farming and moved to Redwood Falls, where he died Jan. 11, 1890, at the age of sixty-eight years. The mother died in 1887 at the age of sixty-six years. George W. Clark remained at home assisting his father until 1887. Then after working as a miller in St. Louis, Michigan, for one year, he came back to Minnesota and took charge of his father's homestead. In 1890 he bought the northeast quarter of section 23, Sheridan township, and in 1893 moved onto it, remaining there until 1914. He now resides with Robert Moorhead. Besides being a farmer, he is also a carpenter and has been engaged as a thresher every season since 1892. He has served as township supervisor of Sheridan township and as director of the school board of district No. 46. Mr. Clark was married May 14, 1885, to Belle Fields, who died Sept. 18, 1893, at the age of twenty-eight years, leaving the following children: Lisle, born May 7, 1887, who assists his father, and Grace, born May 18, 1892, now Mrs. Harry Wahl, of Oakland, California.

William G. M. Smith, one of the successful young insurance men of Redwood Falls, was born in Thurso, Scotland, Aug. 3, 1883. The father, Alexander Milne, brought his family to America

in 1885 and lived at Redwood Falls for ten years. Then he went to Butte City, Montana, where he engaged in the carpenter trade, afterward locating in Rochester, Minnesota, in 1915. The mother died in 1886 at the age of thirty-eight years. In 1888 William G. Milne was adopted by Isabella Smith, of Redwood Falls, and he was given the surname of Smith. He attended the public schools of Redwood Falls and graduated from the high school in 1907. He then accepted the position of city recorder and at the same time entered the insurance business. During 1911 and 1912 he was partner with W. R. Barnes, under the name of Barnes & Smith, in the insurance and land business. Jan. 1, 1913, he bought Mr. Barnes' share and incorporated as The William M. Smith Company. The company does a general insurance business, and has been successful in conducting an important district agency for the N. W. Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee. Mr. Smith is a director of the First National Bank of Redwood Falls. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M. and secretary of the Commandery. Mr. Smith was married July 12, 1913, to Rose Hunter, who is the daughter of N. V. R. Hunter, a pioneer insurance man of Redwood county, who died in 1912 at the age of forty-five years. His wife, Laura E. (Belt) Hunter, is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have one child, Margaret Ruth, born Nov. 3, 1914.

Frederick W. Zander, cashier of the First National Bank of Redwood Falls, was born in Olmsted county, Minnesota, Oct. 12, 1881, son of Otto and Ida (Beyer) Zander. The father was born Oct. 25, 1859, in Germany and came to America in 1869 with his parents. He became a farmer and remained in Olmsted county until 1907, when he went to California and died there in November, 1911. The mother was married a second time in 1913 to John Pommerenke, a retired farmer, who lived at Long Beach, California. Frederick W. Zander remained at home until he was twenty years of age, and then began working in Cook's Hotel at Rochester, Minnesota, where he remained one and a half years. The next five years were spent at Plainview, Minnesota, as clerk, cashier and bookkeeper in a general merchandise store. Then he became assistant cashier in the Clark County National Bank, Clark county, South Dakota, for the next five years. Six months were spent as cashier of the Farmers' Bank at Garden City, South Dakota, and then he became assistant cashier of the People's State Bank at Bradley, South Dakota. March 7, 1913, he became assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Redwood Falls, was appointed cashier the following year, and still retains that position. Mr. Zander was married Dec. 25, 1912, to Tryphena E. Heubach, born Sept. 1, 1888, at St. Charles, Minnesota. She was a trained nurse and a graduate of the Winona Training School for Nurses. They have one child, a



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THOMAS HOSKEN AND FAMILY

son, Erwin F., born April 17, 1914. They are members of the Presbyterian church.

Thomas Hosken, agriculturist, producer, man-of-affairs and village executive, is not only one of the leading citizens of North Redwood, but is likewise at the head of the county's most important manufacturing enterprise. Living on the old J. S. G. Honner homestead, he has developed that place into one of the best farms in the county, he has exploited an extensive granite industry and has helped to make North Redwood one of the thriving little business centers of the county. Thomas Hosken was born in Cornwall, England, March 20, 1863, coming of the long line of sturdy forebears. John Hosken, the father of Thomas, was a stonecutter. He married Mary Bone and came to America in 1867, subsequently working for many years in the quarries at Niantic, Connecticut. After a long and useful life, he died in 1909 at the age of seventy-three, his good wife having died in 1900 at the age of sixty-nine. Thomas Hosken was reared in England and was taught his father's trade as a stonecutter. He did not accompany the family to America, but continued to work in England until 1878, when he joined his parents in Connecticut. After extensive experience in various quarries of the Eastern States, he came to Minnesota in 1886 as a stonecutter for the Frasier Stone Company at St. Cloud. As an employe of this company he came to North Redwood in 1887, and from a granite deposit on the old Honner homestead quarried the monument which now marks the last resting place of the pioneer, J. S. G. Honner, in the Redwood Falls cemetery. In this employ he remained until 1897, when he and Fred Honner took charge of the quarry in partnership. In 1897 Mr. Hosken bought out his partner's interest and has since continued the business. Outside of the agricultural activities of Redwood county, and the occupations incident thereto, Mr. Hosken has the most important industry in the county. He employs a number of men, quarries and finishes all kinds of building and monumental stone and ships his products extensively to adjoining counties and to the Twin Cities. In 1901 Mr. Hosken purchased from Howard Honner the old J. S. G. Honner farm, which is one of the old landmarks of the upper Minnesota Valley. Situated on the north bank of the beautiful Minnesota and south of the village of North Redwood (which village is located on a part of the original homestead), the farm is a most sightly one. Its location makes it particularly well adapted to corn raising, and taking advantage of this fact, Mr. Hosken raises about 100 acres of that product each year, specializing in Minnesota No. 13, the seed of which is eagerly sought by the farmers throughout a wide area. He tests every bushel before selling and his customers are assured of the best in the market. In 1913 and 1914, Mr. Hosken took the first prizes

for corn at the Redwood county fair and in 1915 was awarded second prize. He has also taken other awards at many other fairs and corn shows. In 1915 he made eight entries at the famous Steele county fair at Owatonna and out of the eight entries brought home six prizes. In addition to his quarrying and corn raising, Mr. Hosken is widely known for his interest in blooded poultry. He has thoroughbred buff leghorns, black minorcas and brown leghorns, to all of which he has given the utmost care. He likewise has a large flock of bronze turkeys and Toulouse geese. He has exhibited fowls at many exhibitions and has brought away many prizes. Through interest in the civic progress of the county, Mr. Hosken has done much for the village of North Redwood, of which he has served as president for the last eleven years. His services on the town board, of which he has been a member ten years and chairman six years, have been highly valued. Mr. Hosken was married July 7, 1888, to Mary Schwinfurter, who was born in Germany, Feb. 14, 1867, daughter of Joseph Schwinfurter, her family being the pioneer family of Beaver Falls, Renville county. Mr. and Mrs. Hosken have been blessed with five children: William, Mary, Anna, Margaret, and Thomas. William was born Oct. 25, 1889, and married Esther Suelter. Like his father before him, he is an energetic business man and is managing the Farmers Elevator at North Redwood. Mary was born Dec. 20, 1890; Anna, July 11, 1893; Margaret, April 7, 1899, and Thomas, Jr., Oct. 11, 1905.

William Preston Rice, a well-known contractor of Redwood Falls, was born in Martinsburg, Iowa, Sept. 3, 1875. The father, Joseph Rice, was born in Indiana and was a traveling salesman of Lincoln, Nebraska, and died in 1887 at the age of thirty-nine years. The mother, Mary (Reynolds) Rice, is now Mrs. John McCurry, of Lincoln, Nebraska. William Preston Rice remained at home until sixteen years of age, when he learned the carpenter trade and after engaging in that work for a few years, in July, 1900, went to Franklin, Minnesota, where he worked two years for Carson Brothers. Then he began contract work on his own responsibility. In September, 1910, he moved to Redwood Falls, where he has since maintained his headquarters. Since coming to Redwood county he has erected over three hundred buildings. He assisted in building the Redwood Falls Armory. His home, now being erected in a location overlooking beautiful Lake Redwood, has a valuation of some \$4,500, and will be one of the pleasant residences of the city. Mr. Rice's fraternal affiliations are with the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Rice was united in marriage to Luella Biggs, April 2, 1895. She was born Nov. 29, 1874, and is the daughter of Thomas Biggs, a retired farmer of Plata, Missouri, and his wife Mary (Hampton) Biggs. Mr. Biggs served four years in Company H, Second Divi-

sion, 123rd Indiana Infantry, and spent nine months in Andersonville. He came to Iowa in 1866, locating near Keokuk, and moved to Missouri in 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Rice have the following children: Bernard, born Feb. 22, 1896, who graduated from the Redwood high school, June 4, 1915; Violet, born Aug. 1, 1898; Evelyn, born Aug. 20, 1905, and Wilma, born Oct. 24, 1910. Bernard works with his father. He was married May 11, 1916.

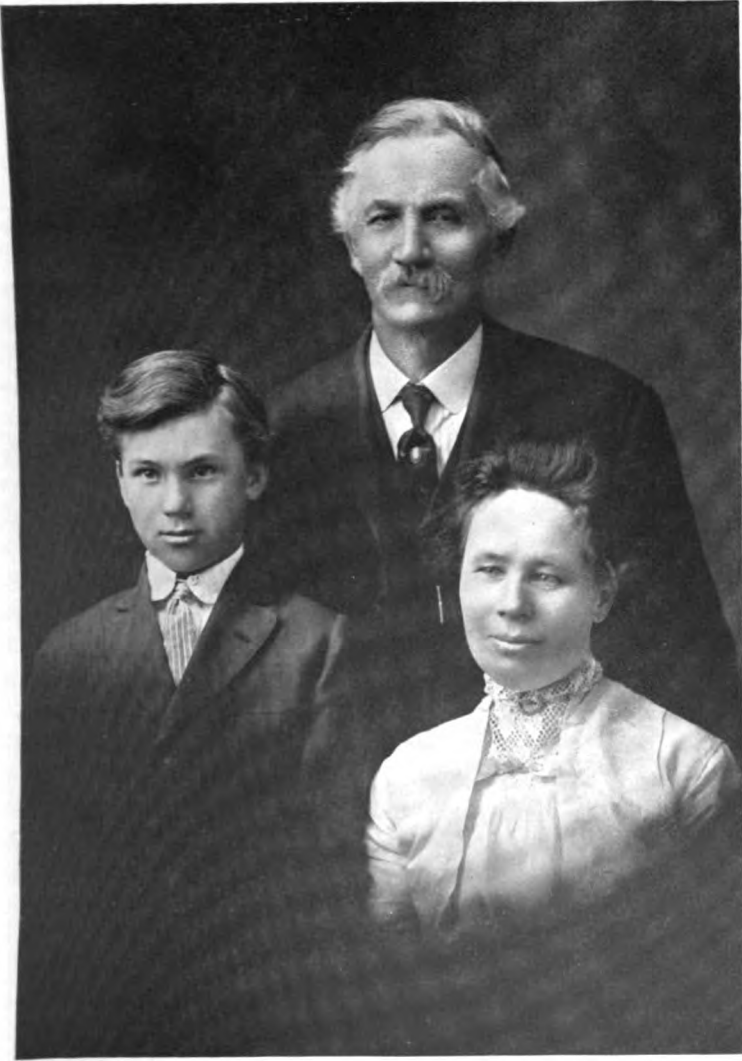
Jay L. Knapp, of Redwood Falls, manager of the Redwood office of The Straus Brothers Company, real estate dealers, was born in Cromwell, Indiana, Nov. 27, 1886, son of W. B. Knapp and his wife, Zilla (Neal) Knapp. His father was a farmer in Cromwell and an active member of the Christian church, especially devoting much of his time to the Sunday school work, being president of the County and Township Sunday-school conventions and local Sunday-school superintendent for thirty-five years. Jay L. Knapp left his home in 1904 and became chauffeur for the Strauss Brothers Land Company at Adrian, Mich. After three years with them at that place he was employed by them in the same capacity at Lisbon, North Dakota. In 1909 he became one of their land salesmen and for a year continued in this position at Lisbon, next coming to Redwood Falls, in July, 1910, to have the same position here. After two years he became manager of the local office, which is in the C. D. Thompson Building, just west of the Armory on Second street. He is doing excellent work for his company, and has proved a most excellent salesman. He is especially well informed as to land values and farm property not only in this region but throughout the Northwest. Mr. Knapp was married Dec. 19, 1911, to Ida Billing, born April 18, 1888, daughter of Ernest and Mary (Bach) Billing. Her father is a farmer in Lisbon, North Dakota, owning 2,500 acres of land, and has lived there twenty-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Knapp have one child, Harriet Louise, born May 8, 1916.

William Rosendahl, an implement dealer of Redwood Falls, was born in Sweden, Feb. 24, 1873, son of Jens N. and Elsie Rosendahl. Jens N. Rosendahl came to America in 1892, locating in Delhi, Redwood county, where he engaged as a blacksmith until 1909, when he retired from active work. He now makes his home with his son William, his wife having died in 1880 at the age of forty. William Rosendahl came to America in 1894, locating at Delhi, and secured work on the farms in the neighborhood for three years. Then he enlisted in the Third United States Infantry and served eleven months, part of the time at Tampa, Florida, and part of the time in the campaign against the Indians at Leech Lake, Minn. After his discharge for disability he moved to Echo, Minnesota, where he worked at the blacksmith trade. Later he came to Redwood Falls and bought an interest in the shop of J. E. Moon. A year later he bought

out Mr. Moon and operated the shop for three and a half years more. He then sold and went west for about eight months. Upon his return he started an omnibus and transfer line, which he soon sold. In 1911, after having again been engaged at the blacksmith trade for a while, he entered the implement and automobile business with C. D. Thompson. In 1913 he bought Mr. Thompson's interest and is now the sole proprietor. The same year he erected a brick building, 30 by 120 feet, with a full basement. Mr. Rosendahl was married June 22, 1905, to Laura M. Baker, daughter of Henry C. Baker, a retired farmer of Redwood county, and his wife, Mary (Brown) Baker.

Charles Fleischer, the second oldest settler in North Redwood, was born in Saxony, Germany, Jan. 22, 1848, son of A. W. and Dorothy E. (Winkel) Fleischer. The father came to America in 1850 with his family and located at Plymouth, Wisconsin. There he engaged in farming until 1868, when he removed to North Redwood and died in 1896 at the age of eighty-five years. Charles Fleischer left his home at the age of fourteen to learn the miller's trade, which he followed until 1880. He then became grain buyer and flour salesman for a mill in Appleton, Wis. In 1882, on one of his trips to Redwood county, he bought eighty acres of land in section 29, Honner township, locating there in 1883. The present village of North Redwood is located on the site of this farm. Mr. Fleischer now owns considerable real estate, including 400 acres of land, the building which he erected for the Security State Bank, and a number of other buildings, all in North Redwood. In 1910 he began raising Holstein cattle and carried on dairying. He had 32 head of cattle, of which 20 were registered, all of them being of the Hengeveld stock. Mr. Fleischer was the first mayor of North Redwood, serving one year. He has served as township clerk for 24 years and also as justice of the peace for 24 years. For three years he was chairman of the township board. He was also local manager of the H. E. Walker Lumber Company for 12 years and for four years was owner of the North Redwood mill. He now lives retired at North Redwood. Mr. Fleischer was married in 1869 to Delia Duncan, who died in 1900 at the age of 50. He was married a second time, Dec. 25, 1901, to Addie Stevens, born in Rich Valley, Dakota county, April 20, 1868, and by this marriage there is one child, William, born Aug. 6, 1904.

Ernest W. Currier, cashier of the Security State Bank of North Redwood, was born in Nicollet, Nicollet county, Minnesota, June 15, 1883. His father, John Q. Currier, born July 19, 1857, was the first white child born in Granby township, that county. He grew to manhood there, became a farmer and held many township offices. In 1908 he moved to the village of Nicollet and engaged in the implement business. His wife, Martha



CHARLES FLEISCHER AND FAMILY

(Meisner) Currier, died March 14, 1907, at the age of fifty-one. Ernest W. Currier acquired his early education in the schools of his locality and graduated from the Mankato Commercial College in 1901. He spent one year in the insurance office of F. M. Payne at Pipestone, after which, from 1904 to 1907, he remained at home on the farm. Then he became assistant cashier of the Nicollet State Bank. In 1912 he became cashier of the Security State Bank of North Redwood, where he is at present. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and of the A. F. & A. M. at Redwood Falls.

Frederick Hagen, for many years a soldier in the German army, was born in Germany, June 7, 1840, and was there reared and educated. As a youth, he joined the German army and so served in three different conflicts—the Russian Rebellion of 1863, the Austrian-German War of 1866, and the Franco and Prussian War of 1870-1871. When not serving his country in the field he was engaged as a farmer. As a young man he married Fredericka Rehfeld, who was born in Germany, July 3, 1841. In 1888, with his wife and his children, August C., Wilhelmina, William and Annie—the oldest child, Helmuth, having come two and one-half years before—he came to America and located in Redwood Falls. A year later he moved to the northwest quarter of section 33, Kintire township. There they endured all the hardships of pioneer life. Three years after their arrival in Kintire they moved to section 5, Sheridan township, and took up their home in a granary, where they lived for a year. As the year passed they built up a splendid farm and erected, in time, a sightly home and suitable barns. On this farm the good wife died Sept. 2, 1905, and there Mr. Hagen now makes his home with his son, August C. Of the nine children in the family there are now living four: Helmuth, August C., Wilhelmina, and Annie.

Carl Zuehlendorf was born in Germany and there married Wilhelmina Schmidt. In 1889 he brought his family to America, found his way to this county and located in section 3, where he is now a prosperous farmer. Of the eleven children in the family there are now living nine: Ida, Annie, Emelio, Herman, August, Emil, Martha, Minnie, and Ervin.

August C. Hagen, a substantial and respected farmer of Sheridan township, was born in Germany, July 24, 1869, son of Frederick and Frederica (Rehfeld) Hagen. He was reared and educated in Germany and in the spring of 1888 came to America with his parents and located in Redwood Falls. Four years later, in company with his father, he bought his present place. At that time it was but little developed, seventy-five acres had been broken and a little shanty of 10 by 12 feet had been erected. On this farm Mr. Hagen began his farming operations. In 1896 he built a five-room home, 16 by 24 feet. In 1899 he added four

rooms, making a very suitable and commodious farm residence. As necessity required, he erected a good barn 36 by 56 feet, a granary 16 by 24 feet, a corn crib, tool sheds, and other farm buildings. Soon after purchasing the place, he planted large groves on the north and west of the house, so that he now has many large trees over twenty years old. He also has a good orchard and a productive berry patch. In addition to the home farm, he has 160 acres of land in section 28, Kintire township. On his splendid developed farms he carries on general agricultural operations and raises each year about one hundred and five acres of wheat, seventy-five acres of corn and thirty acres of oats. Mr. Hagen is a good citizen, a good farmer and a thorough believer in education. Mr. Hagen was married May 19, 1899, to Anna Zeuhlsdorf, who was born in Germany, July 7, 1880, daughter of Carl and Wilhelmina (Schmidt) Zuehlsdorf. Mr. and Mrs. Hagen have been blessed with ten children: Reinhardt, born March 12, 1900; Alvina, June 27, 1901; Alma, Aug. 28, 1903; Walter, Jan. 20, 1905; Lena, July 12, 1907; Emil, Oct. 18, 1908; Rudolph, Jan. 5, 1909; Harold, April 25, 1912; Ervin, Feb. 2, 1914, and Adelina, Oct. 25, 1915. All the children of school age are attending the district school of their neighborhood. The family faith is that of the German Lutheran church.

Hugh F. Swalm was born in Toronto, Canada, October 3, 1882, son of John C. and Jennie (Davis) Swalm. John C. Swalm, M. D., came from Canada to Chicago in 1885, where he lived until his death Feb. 14, 1914, at the age of sixty-seven. His wife died March 14, 1914, at the age of sixty-five. For four years Hugh F. Swalm was assistant foreman of the shoe factory of C. M. Henderson at Dixon, Ill. Then he was in the train service on the C., R. I. & P. railroad for a number of years. After that he drove racing cars for four years, and then engaged in the automobile business in Chicago and in Minneapolis for about eight years. In 1910 he opened a garage in Redwood Falls and is agent for the Buick machine. Mr. Swalm was married April 20, 1907, to Emma Dauvenel, of Minneapolis. They have two children: Frederick and Louise.

Hiram D. Thorp, photographer, of Redwood Falls, was born in New York state, Jan. 2, 1878, son of Jacob Thorp, a farmer of New York, who died at the age of sixty-four in 1900, and his wife, Mary Thorp, who died in 1885 at the age of twenty-eight. The early part of Hiram Thorp's life was spent on a New York farm, working summers, going to school a very short time each winter. At the age of nineteen he went to Buffalo to learn the photograph trade. In 1900 he purchased a studio and after operating this for four years sold it, traveling in the interest of his trade until 1909, when he located in Redwood Falls, his studio being a "photo car" 10 by 20 feet. In 1910, Hiram D. Thorp



MRS. FREDERICK HOLT

was married to Effie M. McDaniels, daughter of A. G. McDaniels, a farmer residing south of Redwood, and his wife, Nancy Ellen (Roswell) McDaniels. Mrs. Effie Thorp was one of Redwood county's efficient teachers from 1908 to 1913. In 1911 Mr. and Mrs. Thorp purchased a double lot on the corner of Second and Mill street, erecting the Scenic City Studio. Starting with more "sand" than money, Mr. Thorp did studio work daytime, making concrete blocks nights. Mrs. Thorp taught for two terms a rural school, five miles out, driving back and forth, making pictures at night. After several months of hard toil Mr. Thorp succeeded in making 3,600 concrete blocks, and erected the studio, a building 22 by 40, two story, with full basement. This soon became too small to accommodate their rapidly growing business, so in 1915 an addition 24 by 40 was added to the north side, making a building 46 by 40, two story, with full basement. This is one of the most modern studios in the Northwest, equipped with the best that money can buy—moving picture camera, cirkut, graflex and special lenses. Mr. Thorp makes a specialty of convention and outdoor work, leaving the studio work in charge of his wife, Effie M. Thorp, who was a student of the Illinois College of Photography in 1914. In 1916 Hiram Thorp was appointed official photographer of the Minnesota State Sunday School convention, held at Austin, Minn.

Finley A. Gray, municipal judge and prominent citizen of Redwood Falls, was born in Canton, New York, June 16, 1863, son of Francis A. and Alice A. (Baker) Gray. At the age of twelve years he took up his home with his uncle, W. E. Baker, at Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. This uncle in 1879 brought him to Redwood Falls, where W. E. Baker engaged in the lumber business. In the fall of 1879 Mr. Gray became clerk in the Bank of Redwood Falls, serving until 1886. In that year he became assistant postmaster. In 1889 he went to Fairfax and with Dr. J. A. Beard, also of Redwood Falls, established the Bank of Fairfax. In 1893 he returned to Redwood Falls and engaged in the collection business, which aside from his public duties has since occupied the larger part of his attention. From 1900 to 1905 he was city recorder and in 1911 he assumed the duties of his present position.

Frederick Holt, war veteran, pioneer, and highly honored and respected citizen, now deceased, led a long life of usefulness in which he served well his adopted country in military life, and his state, county and community in civil life. He was born in Prussia, Germany, Feb. 24, 1836, and was there reared and educated. It was in 1854 that he came to America, locating in Indiana, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. Imbibing thoroughly the patriotism of this free country, he responded early to the call of President Abraham Lincoln for volunteers to defend the Union,

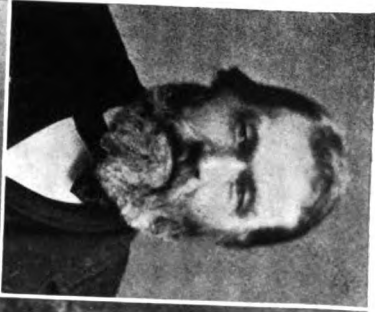
and enlisted as a private in the Twenty-second Indiana Volunteer Infantry. During his three years of service he proved his valor in many battles, marches and skirmishes, including the Battle of Lookout Mountain, the Battle of the Wilderness, and Sherman's famous March to the Sea. He was taken prisoner three times and wounded once. Having been honorably discharged at the close of the war, he returned to Indiana and was a resident of that state until 1866. Then coming to Minnesota, he secured employment as a farm hand at Northfield, Rice county. In was in 1869, only five years after the first permanent settlers had located at Redwood Falls, that he came to this county and located on section 26, Swedes Forest township, where he obtained the north half of the southeast quarter of the section; also the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 26, and the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 25. For a month he lived in the wagon in which he had arrived, after which he built a log cabin. In the meanwhile he had broken the land and started general farming. Together he and his good wife endured the hardships of pioneer life, made slow but steady progress, and finally were numbered among the leading people of the community. The farm was increased to 320 acres, and the improvements on the place kept pace with the growing prosperity of its owners. This happiness and success were brought to a sad conclusion on July 8, 1883, when Mr. Holt was killed by a horse kicking him in the side. He was laid to rest with the regret of his neighbors, and his memory has never ceased to be revered by his family and associates. Mr. Holt was married May 23, 1869, to Mrs. Henrietta Evert Miller. Henrietta Evert, as she was then called, was born in Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, April 27, 1841, and there received the usual training of the girls of her time and country. In 1860 she married Joachim Miller, and to him bore four children—John, Louisa, Minnie, and Sophia. The family came to America in 1868 and located in Northfield, Minnesota. June 8th of that year, Mr. Miller died as the result of a sunstroke. Thus left with four small children, she bravely faced life, and started in with courage to sustain herself and educate her children. Later, as noted, she married Frederick Holt. To him she bore six children—Edward A., Sarah A., Bertha E., Frederick C., Mary E., and Harry G. To her family Mrs. Holt has given a lifelong devotion. Left a second time a widow with many children, she again took up the battle of life with fortitude. By hard work, sound management and shrewd business sense she has succeeded in giving all her children a good education, and has seen them all well established in life and respected and substantial members of society. Now, one of the oldest settlers in the county, ripe in years and wisdom, she is spending the evening of life surrounded by the love, care and affection of her family, and

the respect of the entire community. The record of her children is, in brief, as follows: John Miller graduated from the Mankato State Normal School, and after teaching two years entered Hamline University and was there graduated. Then after teaching seven years more, he entered the employ of the State Bank of Bertha, in Todd county, Minn. When that institution was reorganized as the First National Bank of Bertha, he became cashier, a position in which he is still serving with much credit. Louisa Miller is the wife of Frank Sleight of Mankato, this state, and has one daughter, Beatrice. Mr. Sleight is general manager of a Mankato branch of the Gamble & Robinson Wholesale Fruit Co. of Minneapolis, of which he is likewise one of the stockholders. Minnie Miller is the wife of John Gebhard, of Hamline, treasurer of the Bankers' and Merchants' Insurance Company, of Minneapolis, and has two children, Elmer and Lillian. Sophia Miller is a modiste in Minneapolis. Edward A. Holt, born June 20, 1872, was graduated from the Agricultural Department of the University of Minnesota. Then, after two years at home, he went to Isabel, Ziebach county, South Dakota, where he took a claim, and remained two years, finally proving up his claim and returning to Redwood county. Here he has served as township supervisor, and as clerk and director of school district No. 55. Sarah A. Holt was born June 20, 1872, twin sister to Edward A. She and her sister, Bertha E., graduated the same year from the school of District No. 55, being a member of the first class to receive diplomas from that school. Later she graduated from the Mankato State Normal School, and became a teacher. She is now Mrs. William Beckman, of Bowman, North Dakota, and is the mother of two children, Bertha and Eveline. Bertha E. Holt was born Feb. 6, 1874. Like her sister, Sarah H., she was a member of the first class to receive diplomas from the school of District No. 55. Later she graduated from the Mankato State Normal School, taught school for a while, and now lives at home, looking after the wants of the other members of the family. Frederick C. Holt, born Dec. 25, 1876, took a course in book-keeping at the Minnesota School of Business, Minneapolis. Mary E. Holt, born August 25, 1879, attended for one year the Northwestern Conservatory of Music at Minneapolis, married M. E. Lewis, a real estate dealer in Minneapolis, and has three children, Louisa, John and Theodore. Harry G. Holt was born August 18, 1882. He attended the German Methodist Episcopal School (now the Hamline Preparatory School) at St. Paul Park, and then took the three-year course in the agricultural department of the University of Minnesota from which he was graduated. He is treasurer of school district No. 55. The Holt farm is still owned by Mrs. Holt, and is operated by Edward A. and Harry G., the daughter, Bertha E., assisting in the home. The farm

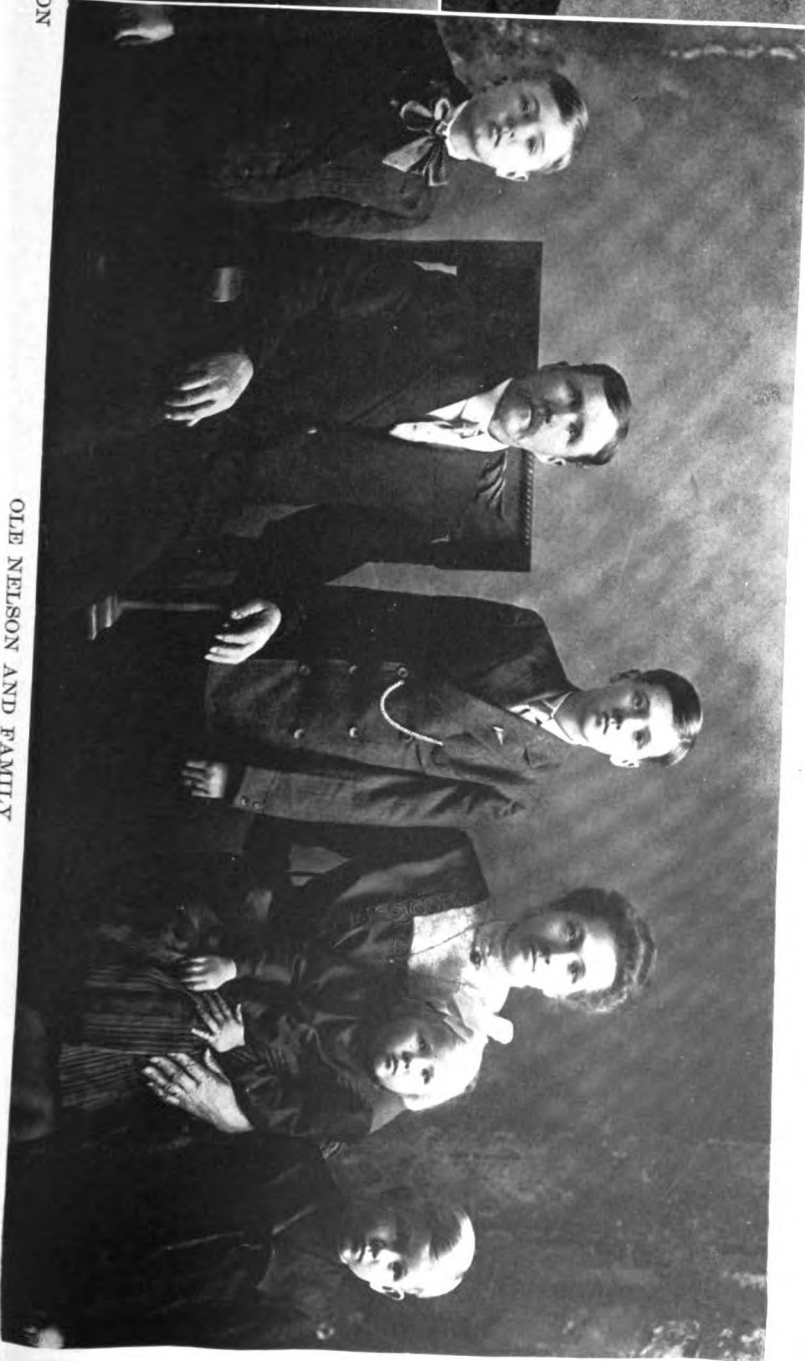
is one of the best in the neighborhood and is situated in the magnificent forest of oak, elm and basswood which has given the township its name. The improvements so worthily started by the father, have been continued by the mother and children. In 1886, a barn, 60 by 62 feet was built. In 1894, the present home, a large eight-room house, 24 by 26 feet, with a 16 by 24 feet ell was erected. Later, as necessity required, other buildings, such as granary, garage, blacksmith shop, sheds and the like have been constructed. The family faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church at Echo, Minn., of which all the Holts are loyal supporters.

Nels Hanson, a pioneer, was born in Norway in 1833, and was there reared and educated. In 1862 he came to America and engaged in farming near Rio, Columbia county, Wis. In 1872 he came to Redwood county and purchased 120 acres in the northwest quarter of section 35, Swedes Forest township. Here he successfully farmed for some quarter of a century, retiring in 1902. After seven years of rest from the strenuous work of farm management he died in 1909, deeply mourned and lamented. His good wife, Karen Andrea Augustinsen, was born in Norway in 1839 and died in 1908. This union has been blessed with ten children: Karen, now Mrs. Christen Knutson, of Swedes Forest; Hans, of Belview; Rosena, now Mrs. G. F. Rahn, of Belview; Ole, of Montana; Clara, now Mrs. Ole Nelson, of Swedes Forest; Jorgen, of Canada; Annie, who married A. Anderson and was killed in a runaway; and three who died in infancy.

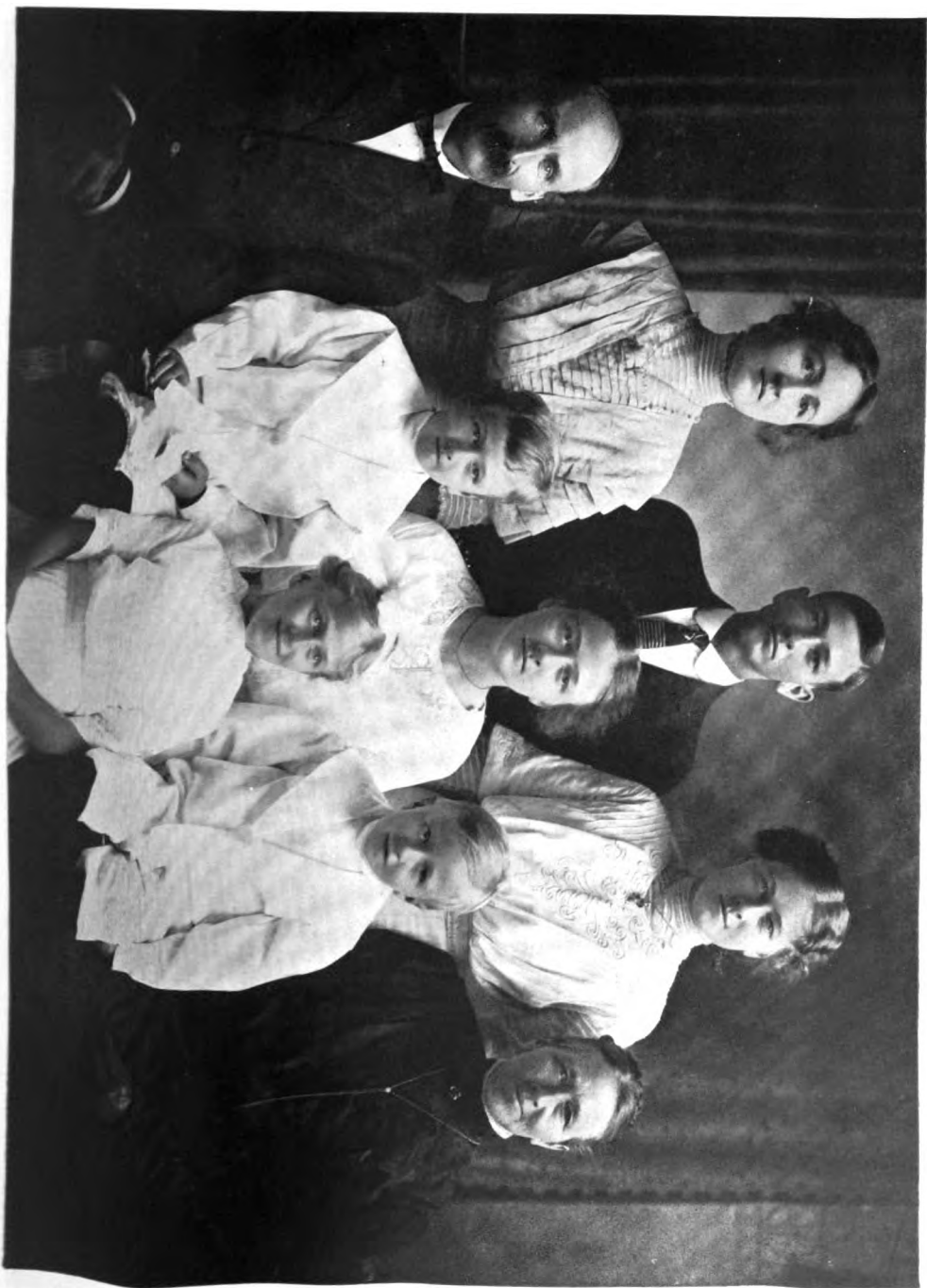
Christen Knutson, a thrifty and prosperous farmer of Swedes Forest township, was born in Trondhjem, Norway, April 5, 1860, son of Knute and Anna (Roe) Knutson, Norwegian farmers, the former of whom died in 1876 at the age of 45 years and the latter in 1870 at the age of 41. Christen Knutson was reared in Norway, and grew to manhood in his parents' home. After attending the parish and normal school, he taught school for a while. In 1881 he came to America and located in Redwood county, working as a farm hand for several years. It was in 1885 that he bought 80 acres in the southwest quarter of section 27, Swedes Forest township. To his farm, and to educational work, he has since devoted his time and attention. By hard work and intelligent management, he has established one of the finest farms in the neighborhood, having added to the original tract 120 acres more, making 200 acres in all. In 1897 Mr. Knutson rebuilt and remodelled his home, so that it is now a comfortable ten-room building, 26 by 16 feet with a 20 by 26 ell. In 1909 further improvements were made when a barn 32 by 44 feet, and a granary 26 by 26 feet were built. On this modern place, Mr. Knutson carries on general farming and stock raising. In addition to looking after the interests of his farm, he has



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OLIE NELSON AND FAMILY



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served for some years as clerk of the township. His business holdings include stock in the State Bank of Belview, of which he is the vice president. As a church worker he has also been active, and since his first arrival here he has served as secretary of the Rock Dale Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran church, which was the first religious congregation organized in Swedes Forest township. From soon after his arrival until 1914 he was clerk of the school board of his district. During the entire period of his residence here he has taught parochial school from one to three months during the summer and fall of each year, a duty for which his early training in the old country has most admirably fitted him. Mr. Knutson was married November 13, 1884, to Karen Kistine Hanson, who was born near Rio, Columbia county, Wis., April 16, 1864, daughter of Nels and Karen Andrea (Augustinsen) Hanson. This union has been blessed with seven children: Cora A., Nettie C., Carl S., Anna B., Nora M., Walter B. and Gerhard E. Cora A., who was born May 27, 1886, graduated from the Sioux Falls State Normal School and taught school seven years, married Otto Flom, of Swedes Forest township, and has two children, Kathlene S. and Otto C. Nettie C., born August 6, 1888, graduated from the Sioux Falls State Normal School, and the Red Wing Ladies' Seminary, and has taught school for the past five years. She was married August 23, 1916, to Rev. J. A. Peterson. Carl S., born August 8, 1891, graduated from the Redwood Falls High School and from Luther College at Decorah Iowa. He was principal of the public schools at Bode, Iowa, two years and is now principal of the Delhi public schools. Anna B. was born July 23, 1895, graduated from the Redwood Falls High School, and is now a student in the Northwestern Conservatory of Music at Minneapolis. Nora M. was born Aug. 24, 1901; Walter B., May 1, 1905; and Gerhard E., Sept. 7, 1907.

Andrew Hjeldness, a pioneer farmer of Swedes Forest township, was born in 1838 in Norway, and came to America in 1863, settling in Freeborn county, Minn., where he bought 80 acres of land and farmed for six years. In 1869 he sold this land and came to Swedes Forest township, Redwood county, where he bought 80 acres of wild prairie land in the north west quarter of section 34. Here he began farming, breaking up the land with his ox team and after the harvest, hauling his grain to Willmar, which was the nearest market, the trip taking about one week. Later Redwood became the market. Here he lived until his death in 1903, adding to his land from time to time until he owned 200 acres. He assisted his neighbors to build their log houses and the log house which he built on his own farm in the early days is still standing. He was married in Norway in 1862, to Christina Fjarled, who was born in 1842, in Norway, and now resides in Belview. Their children were: Louisa, John, Lena, and Gerta

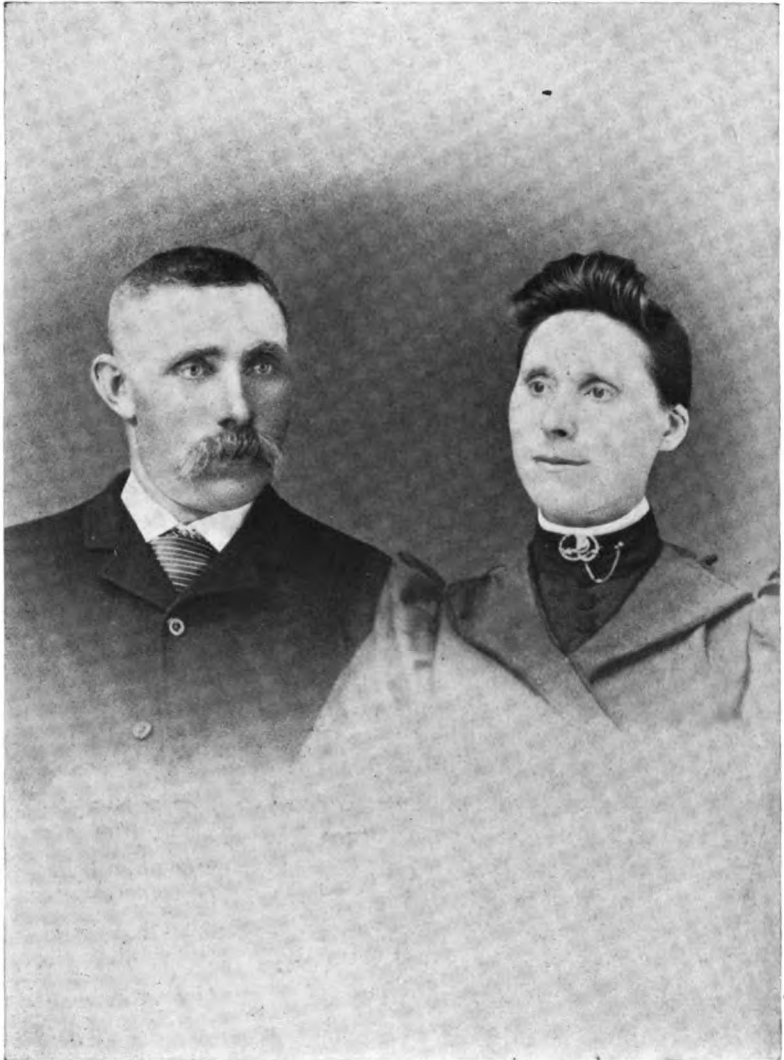
(twins); Jens, proprietor of the restaurant and pool room at Belview; Anna, Ole and Mina. John Hjeldness grew to manhood on the home farm, where he has ever since resided. He has improved and developed the farm and brought it to a high state of cultivation. In 1892 he built a comfortable house, 32 by 32 feet, and in 1895 a barn, 24 by 32 feet. He has served on the town and school boards. He is married and has the following children: Arthur, born August 20, 1899; Alma, born March 30, 1904; Irene, born April 28, 1908, and Evelyn, born Feb. 25, 1912.

Evan Sampson, the pioneer, was a prominent factor in Redwood county agricultural life for many years. Coming here in 1876, he established a splendid farm, was active in church work, reared a large family, and became one of the substantial men of the community. He was born in Norway in 1845, and was there reared and educated and there grew to manhood. In 1870 he came to America, worked for a while in the plow works at Waupun, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin. Later he farmed in Columbia county in the same state. When in 1876 he came to Redwood county, he bought 240 acres of land in section 28, and here he farmed until his death in 1908, giving his mind to his work and not seeking public office. He was a devout member of the Rock Dale Norwegian Lutheran Evangelical church, and helped to erect the edifice which now houses that congregation. Evan Sampson was married in Wisconsin, shortly after his arrival in this country, to Esther Hanson, who was born in Norway in 1847, and died in Swedes Forest in 1909. In the family there were eight children: Tena, Hans, Samuel, George, Gustave, Rahn, Anna and Halvor. The farm is now conducted by the sons, George and Halvor. George born March 5, 1875, is now treasurer of school district No. 10; also a stockholder in the Farmers' elevator at Belview. He married Martha Bekke, who was born in 1878 in Swedes Forest, this county, daughter of Hans A. and Emma (Christopherson) Bekke, and their union has been blessed with one child, Iona. Halvor, born October 8, 1885, was married in 1911 to Alga Fleming, who was born in 1893, in Wisconsin, a daughter of Olof Fleming. He has two children, Ernest and Helen.

Mathias Monson was born in Norway, December 29, 1858, son of Mons and Anna (Vassenden) Gimmetstad Monson. The father, born in Norway, in 1823, died there at the age of fifty-five years, in 1878. His wife, who was born in Norway, in 1823, came to America and died in Swedes Forest, Redwood county, Minn., June 9, 1905. Mathias Monson came to America in 1879 and in June of the same year to Swedes Forest, where he pre-empted 40 acres of land, in the northeast quarter of section 36, building a dugout and a rude shack for a barn. Later he bought 160 acres of land in the southwest quarter of section 31, Delhi township,



MATHIAS MONSON



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besides other land, so that now he has 360 acres. In 1897 he built a barn 55 by 80 feet, and in 1902 a good, comfortable house, 18 by 32 feet, with a wing 18 by 18 feet. He has served for ten years as a member of the township board, and is also a member of the school board, having been treasurer of it for twelve years. He is a member of the Rock Dale Norwegian Lutheran church, of which he was one of the organizers. In 1883 Mr. Monson returned to Norway to be married, the ceremony, which united him to **Ester Jacobs**, taking place March 31, 1883. His wife was born September 16, 1848. They have had children as follows: **Martin**, born in December, 1883; **Albert**, born in 1884; **George**, born in 1885; **David**, born February 4, 1887; **Mary**, born in October, 1889; and **Edwin**, born August 6, 1891. All reside at home except **George**, who lives in Minneapolis, and **Mary**, who died September 17, 1915.

Knute Monson, who has been one of the prosperous farmers of Swedes Forest township for some thirty-seven years, has one of the best rural places in the county. His home situated in the midst of a rich prairie, is surrounded by beautiful, large and well-kept lawns, dotted here and there with shrubbery and flower-beds, and stretching away in velvety sweeps to the fine hardwood groves on the north and west and the evergreen grove on the southeast. Well graded paths lead to the sightly home, substantial and pleasing to the eye on the exterior, and furnished with every comfort on the interior, making a habitation of which any man might well be proud. Supplementing this structure are the commodious barns and other farm buildings, housing the splendid stock, the large crops and the excellent farm implements and machinery. In fact, everything throughout the 400 acres bespeaks the thrift, good judgment, public spirit and hard work of the owner. **Knute Monson** was born near Bergen, Norway, August 22, 1857, son of **Mons** and **Anna (Vasenden) Gimmetstad**. There he was educated and reared to farm pursuits. His father, who was born in 1825, died in 1878, and the mother, who was born in 1823 and died in 1905, came to America with **Knute** in 1879. Upon his arrival in this country, **Knute** at once came to Redwood county and secured employment as a farm hand in Swedes Forest township. By hard work, self-denial and saving habits he was enabled in 1883 to purchase 160 acres in the southwest quarter of section 33, which was the beginning of his present splendid farm. He at once started to develop it, planted groves, erected a small frame house, and worked early and late, ever looking forward to his present prosperity. The original frame house is still standing as a part of his present modern structure. In building up his farm, and achieving his unusual success, Mr. Monson has not forgotten his public duties. For eleven years he did good service as a member of the township board of supervisors, five years of which he served

as chairman. His business holdings include stock in the State Bank of Belview, in which he is one of the directors. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers' Elevator at Belview and a member of the Hawk Creek Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Co. The Rockdale Norwegian Lutheran church has found him an active worker; he helped to build the present edifice, and for the past five years has served in his present capacity as vice president of that congregation. Mr. Monson was married Sept. 13, 1883, to Marie Davidson, who was born in Norway October 4, 1860, and came to this country in 1879. She was the daughter of David and Anna (Gimmestad) Arnestad, who spent their years in the old country. Mr. and Mrs. Monson have been blessed with five children: Alfred, David, Amelia (deceased), Martin and Inga. Alfred was born November 29, 1884, and is now on a homestead in Scobey, Mont. David, born August 13, 1886, is also on a homestead in Scobey. Amelia, born February 4, 1888, died June 3, 1902. Martin, born January 24, 1892, is at home. Inga, born January 30, 1892, and now at home, took the two-year domestic science course at the Red Wing Ladies' Seminary and studied one season at Gale College, Galesville, Wis.

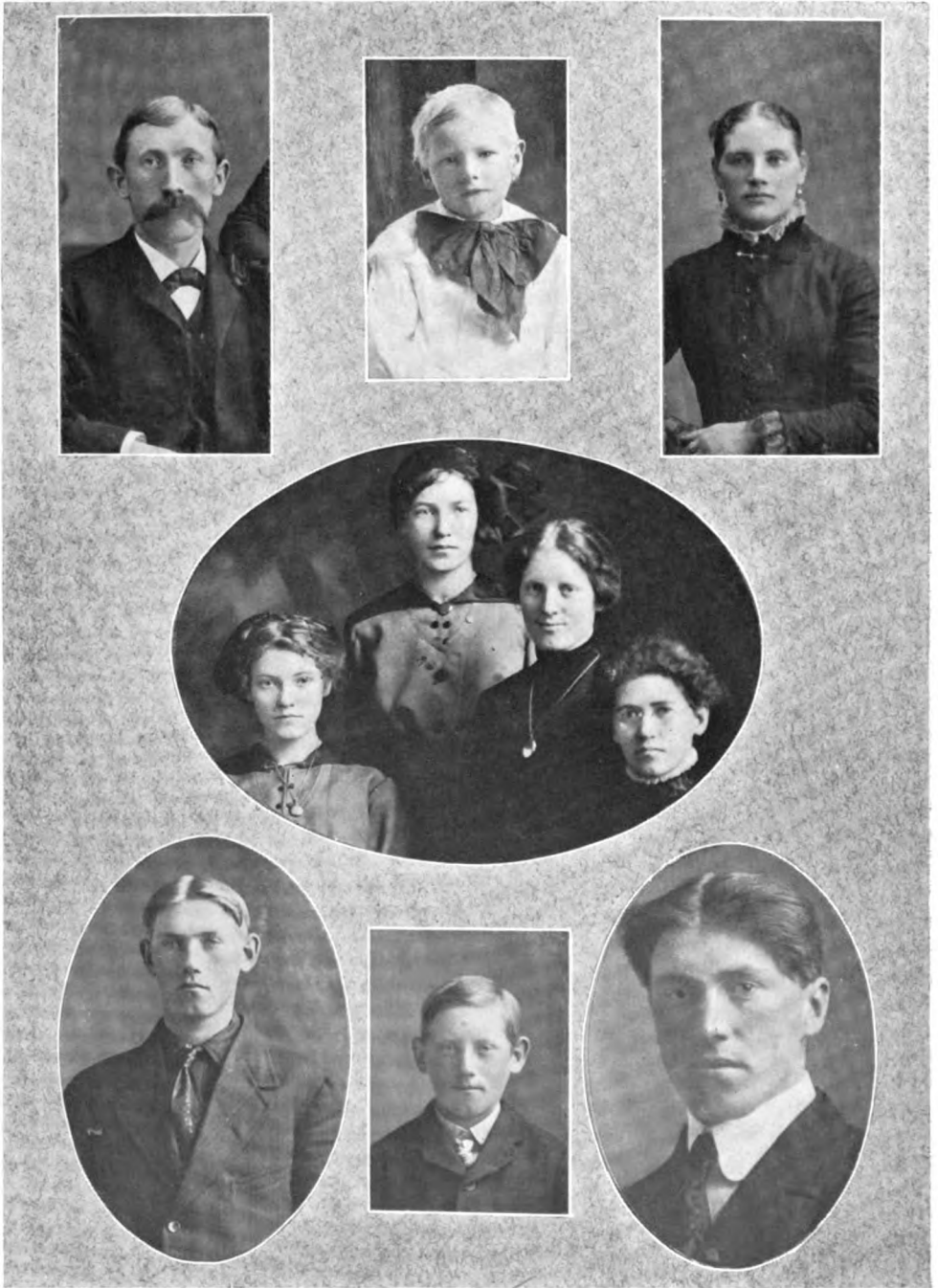
John A. Malecek, at one time manager of the North Redwood Farmers' Elevator Company, was born in Le Sueur county, Minn., December 24, 1873, son of Mathias and Katherine (Sokolik) Malecek. The father was a farmer born in Bohemia, who came to America in 1866 and to Le Sueur county in 1881, moving subsequently to Henryville township, Renville county, where he resided until his death, February 9, 1901, at the age of 63 years. His wife now lives at Hopkins, Minn. John A. Malecek remained at home until he was 28 years of age. He then bought the home farm of 160 acres in section 21, southwest quarter, Henryville township, and farmed there until April 1, 1912, when he moved to North Redwood. August 24, 1914, he became manager of the North Redwood Farmers' Elevator Company, which he had organized in June of that year, in company with Joseph R. Keefe, Chas. Fleischer and John Schweinfurter. It started with a capital of \$10,000, the half of which was paid in, a frame building being erected during the summer of 1914 at a cost of \$6,200, having a capacity of 30,000 bushels. During the first year they had a business of 100,000 bushels and sold 16 carloads of coal. The first officers were: Frank Neuenberg, president; William Zumwinkle, vice president; W. C. Maun, secretary, and Thomas Hosken, treasurer. The second officers were: John Schweinfurter, president; Henry Amberg, vice president; Charles Fleischer, secretary; Thomas Hosken, treasurer. Mr. Malecek held public office both in Renville and Redwood counties. While in Renville county he was the township supervisor for Henryville township for six years and township clerk seven years. He served on the village

council of North Redwood from the spring of 1913 until his death. A member of the Catholic church of Bechyn, he was its treasurer from 1907. He also belonged to the M. B. A. John A. Malecek died July 24, 1916, and is buried in St. Mary's cemetery, Bechyn, Minn. Mr. Malecek was married May 26, 1903, to Mary Novy, who was born April 9, 1885, daughter of Joseph Novy, a farmer of Pine City, and his wife Mary (Soulkup) Novy. Mr. and Mrs. Malecek had three children: Stanley, born August 23, 1904; Gertrude, born June 23, 1906, and Cecelia, born July 24, 1912.

Andrew Anderson, of Kintire township, was born in Sweden, February 9, 1868, the son of Olof Anderson, who was born in Sweden, April 12, 1842. Olof was married in 1867 to Johanna Monson, who was born in that country, April 17, 1843. In 1887 he came to America and located in Warren county, Illinois, his wife following him to this country in 1890. Andrew was one of two children, the other, Emily, having been born March 6, 1871. Andrew came to America in 1886, one year before his father, at the age of eighteen years, and located in Roseville, Ill. In 1887 he went to South Dakota, and was engaged several months in railroad construction near Lake Preston, after which he was employed in Minneapolis for a while. In the fall of 1888 he came to Kintire township and bought eighty acres of land in the southwest quarter of section 31, to which he later added another 160 acres in the same section. Busy as he has been with his many farm duties, he has likewise found time for efficient public service, and his fourteen years on the town board and three years on the school board have been of much value to his fellow citizens. Mr. Anderson was married November 25, 1896, to Augusta Monson, who was born in Sweden, July 2, 1875. Her father, Ben Monson, came to America in 1891 and located in Vesta township, this county, where he is still living. His wife, Engried Monson, who came three years later, died in 1894 at the age of 40 years. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have been blessed with five children: Anna, born May 10, 1898; Albin, born May 25, 1900 (died June 10, 1907); Selma, born March 13, 1902; Ellen, born August 2, 1904; and Albin (second) born October 13, 1907.

Edward H. Marks, a farmer of Underwood township, was born Feb. 20, 1875, in Wabasha county, Minn., son of William and Minnie (Dunning) Marks. William Marks, born in 1842, in West Prussia, Germany, came to America about 1856, locating in Wisconsin. He enlisted in 1862 in the Second Regiment of the Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and served three years. He accompanied General Sherman to the sea, was taken prisoner and confined in Libby prison four months until the close of the war. Honorably discharged at Madison, Wis., June, 1865, he remained in that state and worked as a farm hand, well driver and machin-

ist until 1877, when he came to Clifton township, Lyon county, Minn., and homesteaded 160 acres in section 2. He built rude shacks, broke the land and later improved it with good buildings. In 1894 he returned to Wisconsin, retiring on a pension and died August 2, 1914. His wife was born in Germany and came to America with her parents. The children of William and Minnie Marks were: Emma, now Mrs. Daniel Fitzsimons, of Marshall, Minn.; Herman, a farmer of Clifton township, Lyon county; Frederick, a farmer of Bowbells, Ward county, North Dakota; Charles, a coal miner, in Illinois; Edward H.; Lena, deceased; Matilda, deceased; Arthur, a farmer in section 6, Westline township, this county; Minnie, wife of Henry Ludwig, a farmer of Westline township; Rosie wife of Hugh McCain, a farmer of Montana; and Frank, on the old farm in Clifton township, Lyon county. Edward H. Marks attended the common school of his locality until 19 years of age. June 11, 1894, he enlisted in the Twelfth U. S. Regiment of infantry and did garrison duty at Fort Sully, South Dakota, and Niobrara, Neb. In 1898, at the beginning of the Spanish-American War, he went to Santiago, Cuba, with the Fifth Army Corps under General Shafter, and was engaged in the siege of Santiago and the battle, July 10 and 11. After remaining there until the close of the war, he was returned to Long Island, New York, and thence sent to Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Then he was sent to Manila, Philippine Islands, where he remained two months, being honorably discharged there, June 10, 1899. He returned home to Marshall, Minn., and rented eighty acres of land in Clifton township for three years. Then he moved to Westline township and rented 320 acres in section 6 for six years. August, 1908, he bought 80 acres of improved land in section 30, Underwood township, to which he has since added 152 acres in section 31. He raises graded cattle and makes a specialty of shipping cattle and swine. Mr. Marks was married Dec. 10, 1902, to Emma Fligge, who was born Feb. 12, 1880, in Posen township, Yellow Medicine county this state, daughter of Frederick H., and Louise (Kecher) Fligge. The father, a native of Germany, is now a retired farmer of Marshall and owner of 240 acres of land in sections 3 and 10, Clifton township, Lyon county, Minn. His wife, Louise (Kecher) Fligge, a native of Philadelphia, Pa., died June 8, 1900 at the age of forty-two years. Their children were: Emma; John, a salesman at Minneapolis; William, a farmer of South Dakota; Clara; Frederick, farming the old homestead; Frank, with his brother William, in South Dakota; Alice, deceased, and Louise, a student at Hamline University. Mr. and Mrs. Marks have the following children: Laura, born July 17, 1904; Roy, March 7, 1907; Roger, Sept. 15, 1908; Grace, May 18, 1910; Alice, Dec. 2, 1911, and Bertha, July 11, 1914. The family faith is that of the Evangelical Lutheran church.



OSCAR EXSTROM AND FAMILY

L. Oscar Exstrom represents a splendid type of modern farmer. Coming here a poor boy from Sweden, he has worked his way, has educated himself, has studied the latest approved methods of farming and equipped himself with the latest forms of implements and machinery, and has become one of the leading men of his community, a man after whom the younger generations may well pattern. He was born in Sweden, September 27, 1854, the fifth child of Gord P. and Anna Exstrom, the other children in the family being Peter, who died in Sweden; Catherine, the wife of Jankletus Jacobson, of Sweden; Christina Cerafvia, of Sweden; Selma, of Sweden; Olaf, who died in 1903 at Pullman, Ill., and Anna, wife of John Johnson, of Florence, Wis. The subject of this sketch was reared in the old country, came to America in 1881, lived in Chicago for a while, and then secured employment in the machinery department of the Pullman car shops, Pullman, Ill. In 1886, while still in Illinois, he bought 80 acres of raw land in section 9, Underwood township, Redwood county. To this tract he came in 1891, but he at once sold out and bought 120 acres in section 7 in the same township. On this wild prairie he built a shack, planted groves and started to develop a farm. Since then his prosperity has kept pace with the years, and his shrewdness and hard work are everywhere apparent throughout his possessions. In 1905 and 1906 he erected a splendid set of buildings, and in 1909 built the present modern home. In 1915 he constructed a fine stave silo, 16 by 30 feet, with a capacity of 120 tons. Mr. Exstrom carries on general farming and makes a specialty of Hereford cattle and Duroc-Jersey swine. The farm, which now consists of 462 acres, is a model one in every particular. The barns are well kept and the house is surrounded with a beautiful lawn, decorated with flowers and shrubbery. An orchard of apple, plum and cherry trees enhances the value of the farm and the pleasure of the family. Although busy from morn till night with farm duties, Mr. Exstrom has taken interest in public affairs, and has done good service as a member of the township board and of the school board. The family faith is that of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Exstrom was married February 7, 1885, in Pullman, Ill., to Mary Timgren, who was born May 4, 1862. After the death of the father, the mother, Christina (Hogren) Timgren, with her three children, Mary, August and Hjelmer, came to America in 1884 and located in Pullman, Ill. The mother now lives in Cottonwood, Minn., while the brother, August, and his stepbrother, Hjelmer, are both farmers of Underwood township. Mr. and Mrs. Exstrom have eight children, Hulda, O. Henry, Alice, Frederick, Arthur, Mabel, Laura and Harry. Hulda was born November 11, 1885, and lives with her brothers, O. Henry and Frederick, in Montana. O. Henry was born August 23, 1887, and farms in Montana. He married Sadie Wilson and they have one child, Alton. Alice,

born June 25, 1890, is the wife of Oscar Pierson, of Minneapolis, and has two children, Floyd and Gordon. Fred was born July 17, 1892, and farms in Montana. Arthur, born May 11, 1895; Mabel, October 6, 1897; Laura, March 18, 1900, and Harry, September 16, 1902, all live at home. The family faith is that of the Presbyterian church.

Peter Erickson, a well-known farmer of Underwood township, was born September 11, 1862, in Norway. In 1884 he came to Granite Falls, Minn., and worked as a farm hand and also worked with the railroad construction crew on the M. & St. L. railway at Echo and Windom. In 1895 he bought 160 acres of land in section 4, Underwood township, which he rented. In 1901 he moved onto this land, which had been broken. A few rude shacks had been put up, which were gradually replaced by better buildings. He carries on general farming and has a fine orchard of apples, plums and small fruits. In 1913 he built a fine home of seven rooms. Mr. Erickson was married, October 14, 1891, to Betsy Erickson, a native of Norway, who died in 1898 at the age of 33 years. Her parents were Ole Erickson, now a farmer in Windom, Cottonwood county and his wife, Gurina (Broback) Erickson, who died in 1912 at the age of sixty-eight years. They had four children: Lars of Norway; Betsy, first wife of Peter Erickson; Gurina, and Lena, second wife of Mr. Erickson. By the first wife there were two children: Edwin, born May 30, 1891, and Clara, born August 20, 1895, both living at home; and by the second wife there were three children: Benjamin, born April 28, 1901; Gena, born May 16, 1904; and Pearl, born October 3, 1909.

Andrew C. Hansen, an industrious farmer of Underwood township, was born June 6, 1870, in Denmark, son of Jens C. and Christina Hansen. Jens C. Hansen was born in Denmark and came to America in 1879, locating at Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, where he began working on the railroad. After two years he bought 80 acres of land in Brockway township, Stearns county, and in 1881 he moved to this land taking a shanty with him from Sleepy Eye. He broke the prairie land, set out a grove and engaged in farming. His health failing, he had to undergo many hardships and privations, but he remained happy and contented. As means permitted, improvements were made and buildings erected. He lived there until his death, May 1911, at the age of sixty-seven years. His wife still lives on the old farm. Their children were: Christian, who died in 1900; Andrew C.; Peter, a farmer of Brown county; Robert, on the old farm in Stearns county; Adolph, on the old farm in Stearns county; Margaret, wife of Hendrick Newman, owner of a general store at Springfield, Minn.; Bertha, wife of Nels Nelson, a grain buyer of Milroy; Lydia, wife of Frank Peterson, a grain buyer of Saskatchewan.

Canada; Lena, wife of Hans Rassmussen, a farmer of Brown county; and Laura, wife of Fred Caney, who is in the cement business at Sleepy Eye. Andrew C. remained at home a short time, herded cattle on the prairie, and then worked as a farm hand until 1895, when he came to Redwood county with an ox team. He bought 157 acres of partly improved land in section 35, Underwood township, and here he set to work to till the soil and found a home. The nearest market was at Marshall, which was also the nearest place at which he could obtain fuel in the winter time. Warm clothing was a luxury not to be indulged in and frozen feet were a common occurrence. By sacrifice and self-denial success became possible and as time passed he broke the balance of the land and erected suitable buildings from time to time. In addition to the usual farm machinery, he owns a threshing outfit with a traction engine. He carries on general farming and raises good stock. Mr. Hansen was married at Sleepy Eye to Sena Hansen, who was born in 1870, daughter of Hans Hansen. Her father, born in 1839, and his wife, Mary Hansen, were both natives of Denmark. Hans Hansen came to America and homesteaded 160 acres in Brown county, to which he has since made additions, so that he now owns 320 acres of well improved land. They had the following children: Sena; Hannah, who died in 1907; Laurena, who died in 1905; Christina; John, a farmer of Brown county; Andrew, a farmer of Sundown township; and Charles, on the old home farm. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew C. Hansen have the following children: Arthur, born January 28, 1897; Rudolph, born March 9, 1900; Edna, born July 1, 1902; and Elmer, born October 12, 1904. All are residing at home.

Anton Johnson, an enterprising young farmer of Underwood township, was born December 7, 1880, on the farm where he now lives, son of Henry and Carrie (Bertelsen) Johnson. The father, Henry Johnson, was born in Denmark in 1847. He left home at the age of sixteen, going to sea, where he remained several years; after which he came to America and enlisted in the United States army, serving three years, most of which time was spent in Washington territory. In 1869 he came to Richwood, Becker county, Minn., and pre-empted 160 acres. Breaking land, he made some improvements; and after living there six years, sold it and in 1875 moved to Underwood township, Redwood county, Minn., where he homesteaded 160 acres and secured a tree claim of 80 acres in section 34. Here he set out a grove, built a house and barn and engaged in farming. He died Oct. 2, 1889. He was married July 20, 1874, to Carrie Bertelsen, who was born Dec. 22, 1855, in Denmark, and now makes her home with her son Anton. Her father, Madis Bertelsen, was born in Denmark in 1823 and came to America with his wife, Anna Dorothy (Nelson) Bertelsen, in 1863, locating in Columbus, Wis., where he worked as a farm hand

for two years. Then he went to Dodge county, Minn., and rented a farm for two years. Next he went to Sleepy Eye, Minn., and in 1867 bought 80 acres in Eden township, Brown county, where he remained for five years. He next sold this and in 1872 came to Swedes Forest, Redwood county, where he bought 160 acres, to which he later added land until he had 280 acres. In 1880 he sold and moved to Underwood township, where he homesteaded 160 acres and secured a tree claim of 80 acres. Later he sold this and moved to Texas, where he bought 160 acres of land. After six years he sold out and came back to Underwood township, where he bought 200 acres in section 35 and lived there two years. He sold again and retired to Tracy, Minn., and after the death of his wife, in Tracy, he returned to Denmark, where he died in 1907. The children of Henry and Carrie Johnson are: Nels, now a farmer of Canada; Johanna M. C., now Mrs. A. Culver, of International Falls, Minn.; Anton; Anna, who died June 21, 1909, at the age of twenty-seven; Hans, a farmer of Westline township; Matilda, wife of Henry Kremin, of Underwood township; and Henrietta who died April 25, 1910. Anton Johnson attended the common school of his neighborhood and grew to manhood on the home farm. In 1900 the buildings on his farm were destroyed by fire and were replaced by modern structures. He now owns the home farm of 160 acres in section 34 and follows general diversified farming. He also owns stock in the Farmers' Elevator of Milroy.

Mr. Johnson was married January 10, 1910, to Mary Dirnberger, born March 22, 1890, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Hoffman) Dirnberger. Her father, Joseph, was born in Germany and came to America, locating in Sleepy Eye, Minn., where he worked in a flour mill for some time. Then he rented a farm in Brown county. In 1898 he moved to Redwood county, where he bought 160 acres of land in Granite Rock township. Selling this in 1905, he bought 80 acres in Vesta township, which he also sold, and in 1913 rented the farm of Jos. Troske of Vail township, where he now lives. His wife died in 1892. Their children were: Joseph, now a farmer in Westline township; and Mary, wife of Anton Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have one child, Lester, born December 2, 1910. They are affiliated religiously with the Lutheran church.

Herman Kremin, a progressive farmer of Underwood township, was born in Germany August 24, 1871, son of William Kremin, born September 2, 1835, and his wife, Augusta (Kalone) Kremin, born May 3, 1843, both natives of Germany. They were married in Germany November 25, 1863, and came to America in 1884, located first at New Ulm, Minn., and then bought 104 acres of land in section 9, Eden township, Brown county, which Mr. Kremin improved and farmed until 1902 when he sold and moved to Red-



MR. AND MRS. HERMAN KREMEN AND DAUGHTER

wood county. With his son Herman he bought 640 acres of partly improved land in section 20, Underwood township. There were the following children: Alvena, now deceased; Gustave, a farmer in section 17, Underwood township; Emil, a farmer in section 20, Underwood township; Amanda, deceased; Herman; Theodore, deceased; Augusta, wife of Herman Penke, a farmer of Renville county; Hulda, wife of J. S. Johnson, a hardware dealer in Lidgerwood, North Dakota; Emma, wife of Ed Grunert, a farmer of Renville county; Ida, wife of August Jens, a farmer of Renville county; William, a farmer on section 20, Underwood township, who died July 28, 1915, and Henry, a farmer in section 20, Underwood township. Herman grew up on the home farm in Eden township and in 1893 bought 120 acres in section 19, that township, where he farmed until 1902. He then came, with his father, to Underwood township, Redwood county, and bought land in section 20. In 1903 the land was divided, his father taking the north half of section 20, where he still lives, and Herman taking the southeast half, and Emil the southwest quarter. The farm was well improved when he took it and he has made many other improvements upon it. The buildings were destroyed by fire and have been replaced by larger and more modern structures. A fine grove and orchard have also been added. He has served on the township board for a period of four years and on the school board for the past eight years. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator at Milroy.

Mr. Kremin was married May 8, 1899, to Augusta Marotzke. She was born December 11, 1872, in Germany and came to America in 1897 with her brother Julius and sister Willimena, who is now the wife of H. Ott, a farmer in Morgan, Redwood county. Mr. and Mrs. Kremin have one child, Martha B., born October 14, 1900, who is studying music at the Bethany Ladies' College at Mankato.

Peter Scott, a modern farmer of Underwood township, was born December 2, 1867, in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, of Danish parentage. His father, Hans Scott, came to America in 1884 and located in Redwood county, Minnesota, buying 80 acres of partially improved land in section 28, Underwood township. He erected good buildings and lived there until his death December 14, 1913, at the age of 80 years. He was married in Germany to Mary Gaasvig, who died in 1872 at the age of 33 years. Their children were Peter and Jens, who now farm 160 acres in section 27. Peter Scott came to America in 1883 and located near Marshall, Minn., where he worked as a farm hand until 1892. Then he bought 80 acres of railroad land in section 29, Underwood township. It was wild prairie, which he broke, and here he planted a grove and built a house, 16x24 feet, and a barn, 28x44 feet, also setting out an orchard of apple trees. He served as deputy sheriff of Redwood county for two years and was

a member of the school board for several years. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator at Milroy. Peter Scott was married January 14, 1892, to Ella Morgan, born December 12, 1870, at Lodi, Ill., daughter of Albert H. and Mary Morgan. Albert H. Morgan was born October 29, 1833, in Connecticut. He engaged in farming and moved to Illinois, where he entered into the general merchandise business at Lodi. In 1872 he moved to Minnesota and homesteaded 160 acres in section 30, Underwood township, where he built rude shacks and broke the land. Later he pre-empted 160 acres in section 30, and bought 120 acres in section 29. He made many improvements, erected good buildings and lived there until his death, January, 1902. He was married in Illinois to Mrs. Mary Odell, widow of John Odell, a Civil War veteran. She still lives on the old farm in Underwood. They had four children: Ella; Albert, a farmer in section 29, Underwood township; Walter, engaged in the real estate business in Grand Forks, North Dakota; and John, a farmer on the old home farm. Mr. and Mrs. Scott have four children: Millie, born October 28, 1893; Irene, born January 7, 1896; Helen, born September 26, 1901, and James, born April 9, 1913. The family faith is that of the Presbyterian church. All reside at home.

William F. Cahoon, a well-to-do-farmer of Underwood township, was born February 23, 1852, in Lake Geneva township, Walworth county, Wisconsin, son of William and Eliza (Brewster) Cahoon. William Cahoon, the father, was born March 17, 1826, in Dover township, Cuyahoga county, Ohio, and in 1843 moved to Wisconsin with his father, Amos Cahoon. The journey was made by wagon and three cows were also brought along. Amos bought 150 acres of timber land in Lake Geneva township, the land was grubbed and farming began, improvements being made from time to time. A fine grade of stock and horses was raised. Here Amos lived until his death in 1860. William Cahoon, Sr., owned 59 acres of the old place, which he sold in 1865 and rented 160 acres. After a year he came to Rochester, Minn., jolting over the scarcely defined trails with an ox team and two wagons. In 1867 he rented a half section in Haverhill township, Olmsted county, Minnesota, and in 1868 bought 160 acres of partly improved land in this county. In 1870 he lost his farm and in 1871 again rented 160 acres. In 1872 he moved to Wabasha county, where he rented 80 acres and in 1873 moved to Redwood county, where he homesteaded 160 acres in section 10, Underwood township, and also took a tree claim of 160 acres in the same section. It was all raw prairie which he broke and improved. He first built a dugout, 12x20 feet, in which the family lived for fifteen winters. He then built a fine frame house and barn and here he farmed until his death, May 17, 1905. He was married December 25, 1847, to Eliza Brewster, born June 28, 1828, in Rutland, Vt., who came to Ohio



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at 11 years of age. She died January 28, 1909. There were the following children: Mariah, who died in 1885; William F.; Charles, who died in 1907, and Ida, now Mrs. C. O. Borg, of Redwood Falls. William F., in his youth, attended the common school and worked on the farm. When he grew to manhood he engaged in farming on section 10, Underwood township, and from time to time built suitable buildings. For a time he raised and shipped swine for the market. He also raised a good grade of Percheron horses. He has served as a member of the township board for ten years and has been a member of the school board since its organization, thirty years ago. Mr. Cahoon was married April 19, 1894, to Emma B. Long, who was born July 21, 1869, in Wetzel county, West Virginia, daughter of Samuel J., born in 1842, and Mary (Morgan) Long, born in 1844, both natives of and still living on the farm in Wetzel county. Their children are: Francis, Emma B., Morgan, Elizabeth, Samuel, Achilles, Ruth, Lillian, Raymond and Jerry. Mr. and Mrs. Cahoon have the following children: Ida Ruth, born March 21, 1895; Forrest G., born October 10, 1896; Harry F., born August 16, 1898; Mary B., born July 29, 1902; Mabel C., born April 12, 1904.

Swan F. Peterson, a successful farmer of Kintire township, was born August 21, 1864, in Sweden, son of Peter and Inger (Hawken-son) Peterson. Peter Peterson was born February 5, 1825, in Sweden, and came to America in 1882, locating at Galesburg, Ill., where he rented a farm for five years. In 1887 he moved to Kintire township, Redwood county, where he conducted a farm until 1910. He then retired and moved to Burnside, Iowa, where he died August 12, 1913. He is buried at Redwood Falls. His wife Inger, who was born September 30, 1835, died August 21, 1891. Swan F. Peterson remained at home until 17 years of age, and then worked as a farm hand until 1887. He then came to Kintire township and bought 160 acres of land in the northeast quarter of section 31, to which he later made additions, purchasing the northwest quarter of section 31 and the southern half of section 30, also 360 acres in Redwood Falls township, and 70 acres in Delhi township. He has made extensive improvements on his land and in 1887 built a house 20x30 feet, in 1909 a barn 56x60 feet, in 1910 a barn 40x60 feet, with a stone foundation 11 feet deep, and in 1912 two silos 16x35 feet and 16x30 feet, respectively. He raises Poland China swine and ships 100 a year and feeds and ships 80 steers a year. Mr. Peterson has held local offices and has been township treasurer for ten years. He is president of the Farmers' State Bank at Belview and a stockholder of the Farmers' Elevator Company. Mr. Peterson was married June 6, 1896, to Sadey Bergquist, who was born June 6, 1867, in Sweden, daughter of Claus M. Lindholm and Mary (Peterson) Lindholm, both natives of Sweden. Mr. Lindholm died in Sweden at the age of 70 and his

wife died in 1897 at the age of 64 years. Mr. and Mrs. Swan F. Peterson have five children, born as follows: Gertrude I., June 16, 1897; Ruth E., March 4, 1900; Edith R., February 17, 1903; Allen W., October 14, 1905, and Clifford F., November 10, 1910. The family faith is that of the Swedish Lutheran church of Belview, of which Mr. Peterson is treasurer and one of the trustees.

Swan Peterson, for many years a venerable and honored figure in Redwood county life, but now deceased, was born in Sweden March 7, 1832, being a descendant of a long line of sturdy Swedish stock. He attended such schools as the time afforded, and grew to manhood in his native land. In 1869 he came to America, locating in Warren county, Illinois. Many years later, or in March, 1887, he made his appearance in Redwood county, Minnesota. Here he purchased 240 acres of wild prairie land in section 29, Kintire township, and set at work with a will to break the land, erect suitable buildings, construct fences, and bring the place to the high stage of development, which, under his care and attention, it finally reached. By hard work, skilful farming and shrewd good judgment, he increased his holdings until he owned 800 acres of land, partly in Kintire township and partly in Yellow Medicine county. After a long life filled with worthy deeds he retired in 1903 to Belview, where he died April 3, 1904. Mr. Peterson was married in Sweden July 25, 1862, to Elizabeth Pierson, who was born December 22, 1841, and who, after sharing in her husband's labors and successes, now resides in a sightly and comfortable modern home. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson had seven children: Nellie, Peter, Emma, Annette, William, Roy and Clara. The two oldest were born in Sweden, the rest in Warren county, Illinois. Nellie, born August 27, 1863, lives at home. Peter, who was born December 4, 1865, married Mina Jeffers, has two daughters, Ruth and Evelyn, and farms in Douglass county, this state. Emma, born May 29, 1871, married Henry Hawkinson, of Galesburg, Ill., and has three children, Henry, Newton and Hildegaard. Annette, who was born January 6, 1874, married Nels Olson, of Wilmot, S. D., and has six children, Irene, Leland, Alice, Natalie, Wallace and La Verna. William, who was born August 12, 1876, married Anna Rovik, and has one child, Marion E. Roy was born July 27, 1879, and is a physician at Vesta. He married Evelyn Hoffstedt, and has three children, Kenneth and Dorothy and Dorris (twins). Clara was born February 25, 1882, and resides at home. The family faith is that of the Swedish Lutheran church.

William Peterson, a well-known stock-raiser and eminent citizen of Kintire township, was born in Warren county, Illinois, August 12, 1876, son of Swan and Elizabeth (Pierson) Peterson, who brought him to this county nearly thirty years ago. He was reared to farm pursuits and received his early education in the district schools, supplementing this with two terms at the Willmar



Seminary at Willmar, Minn. Gradually he took over the management of the home place. His farm consists of 200 acres of well-cultivated land in section 29, Kintire, and everything about the place bespeaks the thrift, hard work, taste and good judgment of the owner. The comfortable home was erected in 1887, the substantial barn in 1902 and the granary in 1890. Other buildings, sheds and the like have been erected as occasion has required. The place is well drained and tiled and highly improved.

Mr. Peterson carries on general farming, giving special attention to stock raising, feeding and shipping. His chief specialties are Aberdeen-Angus cattle and good swine, of which he ships some five cars of steers and two cars of swine each year. His operations have been very successful, and being yet a young man, friends predict for him a still more prosperous future.

Mr. Peterson was married June 18, 1914, to Anna Rovik, who was born in Minneapolis March 29, 1888, and to this union has been born one child, Marion E., April 7, 1915. Mrs. Peterson is the daughter of John and Mary Charlotte (Samuelson) Rovik.

John Rovik was born in Romsdalen, Norway, November 10, 1858, was there reared and grew to manhood. In 1882 he came to America and located in Minneapolis, where he devoted his life to lumber scaling. His wife, Mary Charlotte Samuelson, was born in Sweden on April 29, 1859, came to America in 1886, and still lives in Minneapolis. In the family there are five children; Anna, wife of William Peterson of Kintire township; John S., a Minneapolis florist; J. Charlotte, a Minneapolis stenographer; Arthur, a theater scenic artist; and Louis E., who died May 23, 1916.

Frederick Muetzel, one of the pioneers of Nicollet, Brown and Redwood counties, was born in Germany and there married Fredericka Neumann. Together they came to America in 1868 and located on a homestead in Nicollet county, this state. Later they moved to Brown county. In 1876 they came to Sheridan township in this county and took a claim in section 2. There they underwent the hardships of pioneer life. For provisions they had to go to New Ulm, sometimes with oxen and sometimes on foot. Gradually, however, their property increased. As the years passed they were numbered among the most prosperous and successful citizens in the community. Mr. Muetzel died in 1904 and his widow still makes her home on the farm, which, from 56 acres, she and her good husband increased to 240 acres. Mr. and Mrs. Muetzel were the parents of ten children, Herman, Bertha, Fred, Amelia, Otto, Annie, Tracy, William, Martha and Gustav.

Herman Muetzel, energetic and successful agriculturist of Sheridan township, was born in Germany, February 10, 1868, son of Frederick and Fredericka (Neumann) Muetzel, who brought him to this country the year of his birth and with whom he lived in Nicollet, Brown and Redwood counties. At the age of 24 he

bought 160 acres of his father's farm and started out for himself. This farm, located in section 5, Sheridan township, he has developed into one of the best in the county. He has erected a good house, sightly buildings, has improved the lawns and constructed a granary, corn crib, tool shed and the like. In carrying on general farming he harvests about forty acres of corn, forty acres of wheat, forty acres of oats and ten acres of barley. His successful orchard contains some excellent apple and plum trees and he has also a few grapes and some summer fruit. His cattle are of excellent grade and he ships some splendid milk and cream, which commands the highest prices in Minneapolis. A lover of horses, he was for several years the owner of a splendid Percheron stallion, Rosier by name, valued at \$4,000. He has also interested himself in swine raising to a considerable extent. Successful in his business and a thorough believer in the future progress of the community, he has taken stock in the Farmers' Elevator at Seaforth, of which he is one of the trustees; the Farmers' Rural Telephone Company of Redwood Falls, and the Farmers' State Bank of Belview. Busy though he is with his other duties he has found time to give of his ability to public service. He has been one of the supervisors of the township since 1896 and a member of the school board of district 70 since 1904.

Mr. Muetzel was married November 22, 1892, to Wilhemina Hagen, who was born in Germany, March 28, 1872, daughter of Frederick and Friedericka Hagen, who brought her to America in 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Muetzel have been blessed with thirteen children: Selma, born September 20, 1894; Gerhard, December 27, 1895; Ellsbeth, May 4, 1897; Herman, April 16, 1898; Moritz, December 1, 1899; Frieda, May 7, 1901; Clara, July 16, 1902; Hedwig, February 4, 1904; Erick, November 12, 1905; Lena, February 5, 1907; Herbert, November 5, 1908; Mabel, April 26, 1911, and Richard, November 26, 1912.

Helmuth F. Hagen, a progressive farmer of Kintire township, was born August 6, 1867, in Germany, son of Frederick and Fredreka (Rehfeld) Hagen. The father was born in Germany, August 7, 1840, and came to America in 1888, locating in Redwood Falls and later in Sheridan township, where he is still living on his farm. His wife was born July 3, 1842, in Germany, and died September 2, 1907, in Sheridan township.

Helmuth F. Hagen came to America in 1885, and located near Redwood Falls, where he found work as a farm hand and continued as such for seven years. In 1888 he bought a farm of 160 acres in the southeast quarter of section 33, Kintire township, and later made additions to it in sections 28 and 33, so that he now owns 400 acres. In 1889 Mr. Hagen built a house 24x26 feet, with a wing 16x16; in 1900 a barn, 34x46, with a stone basement; in 1915 a granary, 30x40 feet, and a chicken house, 14x40. and in

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1912 a swine house, 24x40, with a cement floor and foundation. He raises Duroc Jersey swine and ships about 100 a year.

Mr. Hagen has held local office and has been a chairman of the township board for ten years. He is a director of the State Bank of Belview and is a director and was one of the organizers of the Farmers' Elevator Company at Belview. He has also been a trustee of the German Lutheran church for twenty years.

November 15, 1895, Mr. Hagen married Minnie Jessie, who was born in Germany May 26, 1871, a daughter of Carl and Hannah (Kros) Jessie. Mrs. Hagen's father was born in 1842, and her mother (in Germany) in 1847. Mr. and Mrs. Jessie came to America in 1881, locating in Nicollet county, Minnesota, where they rented a farm until 1897. They then moved to Morgan, Redwood county, and farmed in that vicinity on 160 acres of land, which they sold in 1911 when Mr. Jessie retired from farming. He died January 18, 1915, and his wife August 20, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Hagen have a large family of children, born as follows: Otto, October 15, 1896; Ella, December 27, 1898; Carl, May 20, 1900; Franz, July 18, 1901; Alfred, October 8, 1903; Esther, May 30, 1905; Helmuth, February 10, 1906; Gertrude, April 24, 1909; Irene, July 3, 1912; Hertha, December 30, 1915.

Aaron G. Tradewell, for the past twenty-nine years manager of the Pacific Elevator Company of North Redwood, was born in Waupun, Wis., August 31, 1860, son of George B. Tradewell, who died in 1903 at the age of seventy-five, and his wife, Maria (Payne) Tradewell, who died in 1907 at the age of eighty-three years. His father came to Wisconsin in his youth and lived there until 1891, when he moved to Boyd, Minn., where he engaged in farming. Aaron G. Tradewell remained at home and helped his parents until he was twenty-one years old, when he rented the home farm and operated it for three years. In 1886 he came to North Redwood and for the past twenty-nine years has been manager and local buyer for the Pacific Elevator Company. During this time he has not lost a day of work or had a vacation. The present building of this company was erected at North Redwood in 1893, costing \$5,000 and has a capacity of 25,000 bushels of grain, about 100,000 bushels being handled during the year. Mr. Tradewell has taken interest in the affairs of the community and with the exception of one year has served on the village council since the village was incorporated in 1903 and has been school clerk for two years. Mr. Tradewell was united in marriage November 8, 1881, to Mary Grout, who was born March, 1861, daughter of Samuel Grout, a farmer in Wisconsin, and his wife, Lorinda (Bacon) Grout. Mr. and Mrs. Tradewell have the following children: Warren, living at Havre, Montana; Thomas, a farmer of Renville county; Otis, a bridge builder; Esther, who resides in Minneapolis; and Mary, and Elsie, living at home.

Francis Shoemaker, one of the earliest pioneers of Renville county, also one of the first county commissioners of that county, and for many years the leading resident of Flora township, just across the river from Redwood county, was born in Holstein, Germany, December 22, 1817. At the age of fourteen years he set out as a sailor and continued as such for about fifteen years, touching at many important ports in various parts of the world. For a time he was first mate of the vessel, "Northerner." Attracted to the mining camps of California, he became a gold digger, and spent six years in that land of adventure and opportunity. He then went to New York by way of Cape Horn, and from there came to Minnesota, where he obtained a pre-emption claim, two and a half miles east of what is now known as Le Sueur Center, walking to the place from Faribault. Knowing nothing about farming, he went back to Germany to get some of his relatives to come and help him, and brought back with him twenty-two people, most of whom were his relatives. Among the number was his future wife, whom he married at Buffalo, New York. The Civil war breaking out about that time, a number of the party enlisted in the Union army. Francis Shoemaker built a log cabin near Niagara Falls, cleared 40 acres, and there farmed for several years. In 1865 he came to Renville county, and secured 160 acres in sections 1 and 2, Flora township, taking it first as a pre-emption and later as a homestead. After choosing his land he built a rude shack, and then went after his family, who arrived in the summer of the following year. The party, consisting of himself, his wife, a step-son, John Schlueter and five children, Francis M., Herman W., Celia, Martha and Elsbay (Henry M. and Minnie W. being born later), drove from Le Sueur with a horse team and moved into the shack. That summer he built a log cabin, 16 by 22 feet, with an unplanned board floor and crude clapboard roof. From this beginning he developed a good farm, from time to time erecting suitable buildings, so that when in 1890 he retired and moved to North Redwood, he had a good farm of 400 acres, equipped with a good set of buildings. Mr. Shoemaker was greatly interested in public affairs, and held many public offices, being one of the organizers of the county, township and school district, serving as one of the first county commissioners and being a member of the township and school boards for many years. He was also one of the organizers of Flora Grange, and was for many years a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Redwood Falls. The family faith is that of the Flora Evangelical Association church, which he helped to organize. Mr. Shoemaker died at North Redwood at the age of seventy-four years, two months and four days. His wife is still living at North Redwood at the age of eighty-three years. Mrs. Shoemaker was born in Germany, March 13, 1833, her maiden name being Rebecca Fitz. From 1866 to 1899 she prac-

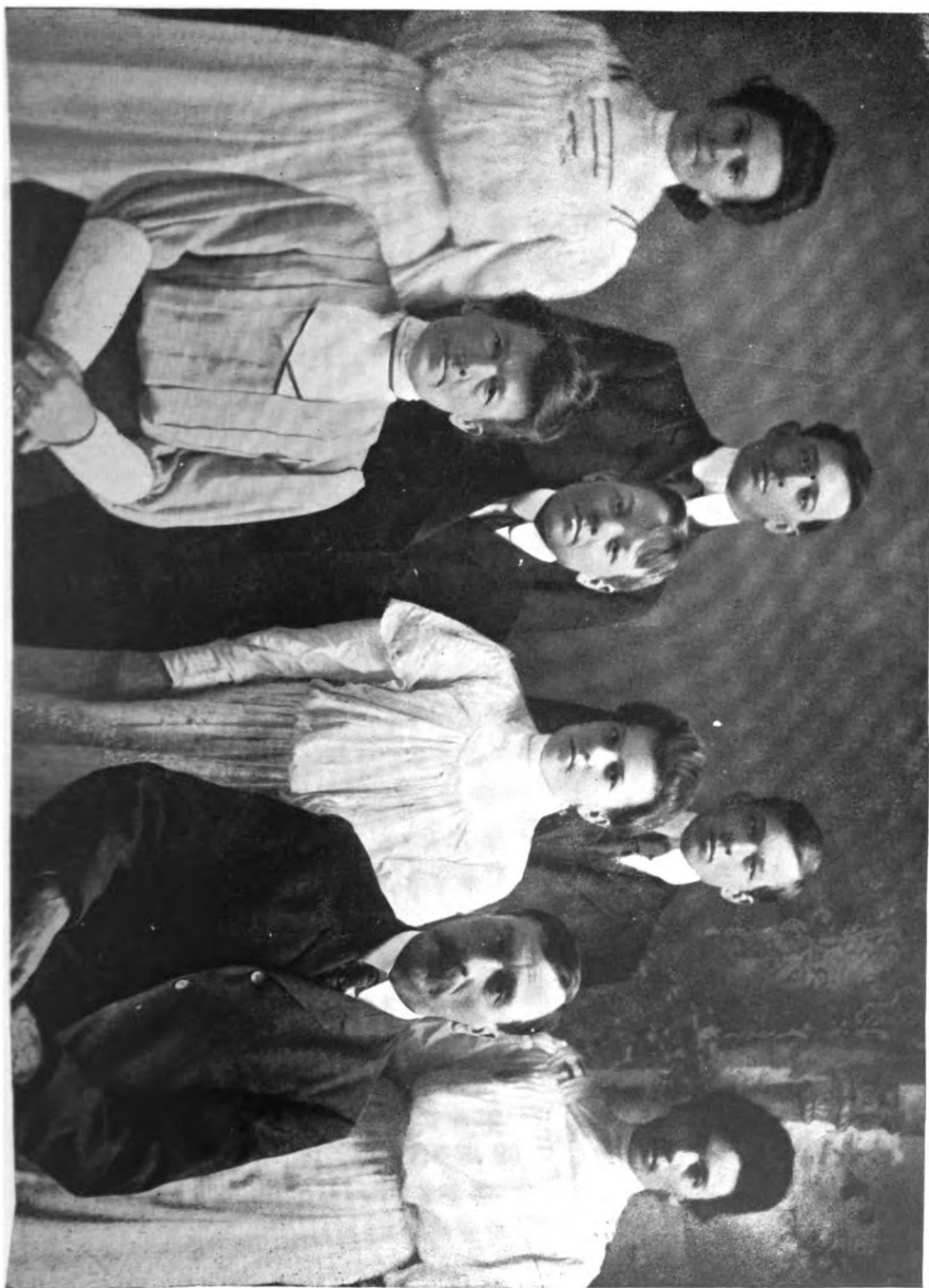
ti~~ed~~ in Renville county as an accoucheuse, often in the early days visiting her patients by ox-team or even on foot. John Schlueter, a son by her first marriage, is a farmer in Flora township, Renville county. Of the seven Shoemaker children, Francis M. is a farmer in Flora township; Henry W. a merchant at Danube in Renville county; Herman W. a merchant at North Redwood; Celia, the widow of Herman Page and Anton Page, lives at North Redwood; Minnie, the first wife of Anton Page, died in 1900 at the age of twenty-six; Martha is now Mrs. Herman Lindeman, of North Redwood, and Elsby is now Mrs. Jacob Neuenburg, of Wabasso, Minn. The family name was originally Schumacher but was Americanized to its present form.

Herman W. Shoemaker postmaster and leading citizen of North Redwood, was born in Le Sueur county, Minn., March 16, 1860, son of Francis and Rebecca (Fitz-Schlueter) Shoemaker, the pioneers. He was brought to Flora township, Renville county, at the age of six years, and grew to manhood on the home farm, securing his education in the district schools and his farm training from his father. After remaining with his parents until he was twenty-two years old, he moved to Sargent county, North Dakota, where he pre-empted 160 acres, and remained until 1887. Then he came to North Redwood, where he became the partner of E. N. Swan in the general mercantile business. In 1892 he erected a substantial building 24 by 66 by 22 feet, and since that date has carried on business alone, winning a large trade, and the confidence and esteem of the community. He served as postmaster for sixteen years, as township treasurer for eight years and as treasurer of the creamery for ten years. He was vice president and one of the organizers of the Security State Bank of North Redwood and is a member of the German Evangelical church. Mr. Shoemaker was married June 27, 1889, to Bertha Henze, who was born December 14, 1860, and died October 26, 1910. She was a daughter of Traugott Henze, a farmer of Redwood county. Two children were born, Ralph, March 29, 1890, now a student at the agricultural college, and Irma, July 24, 1895, who died August 22, 1913. Mr. Shoemaker was married again, December 27, 1911, to Mrs. Nellie Henze, who was born October 8, 1871, and was the widow of Arno Henze, a contractor of Port Washington, Wis., who died in 1908 at the age of thirty-eight years. She is the daughter of Peter Eva a contractor of Port Washington, and his wife, Sarah (Evans) Eva. Mrs. Henze had three children by her first marriage: Le Roy, born October 2, 1892, who is in a bank at Sioux City, Iowa; Norman, born June 12, 1894, assistant cashier in the Port Washington State Bank at Port Washington, Wis., and Eva, born August 16, 1896, who was graduated from the Redwood high school in June, 1915, and is now attending Carleton College at Northfield, Minn., studying vocal and instrumental

music and dramatic art. Mrs. Shoemaker is assistant to her husband in the postoffice.

William Mack, a progressive farmer of Kintire township, was born September 10, 1857, in Milford township, Brown county, Minn. His father, Peter Mack, was born June 29, 1831, in Germany, and came to America in 1852, locating in De Kalb county, Ill., where he was engaged as a farm hand. In the fall of 1854 Peter came to Milford, Minn., where he bought 160 acres of land and lived and worked there the greater part of the time until 1890. He then retired, selling his farm to his son, John. In 1862, during the Indian outbreak, he served for a short time in the United States army, and was twice wounded—in the arm and side—which disabled him from hard work. During the outbreak his barn was burned, the stock killed and the log house was used for the wounded. After the outbreak was quelled he worked for the United States at St. Paul for two years. Then he went to New Ulm, where he lived for two years. In the meanwhile his farm lay idle for four years, as he was unable to do farm work. In 1855 he was married to Mrs. Mary Mack, the widow of his brother John. She was born in 1821 in Germany, came to America in 1852 and died November 10, 1874. There were four children in the family: William, born September 10, 1857; John, born November 10, 1858; Frederick, born January 10, 1861; and Bertha, born November 10, 1864. William Mack remained at home until he was eighteen years of age, when he went to California and worked as a farm hand. After two years he returned home and worked on his father's farm for a year. He then went to South Dakota and did railway construction work for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company for a year. Next he went to Brown county, where he worked as a farm hand and in the pineries. In 1882 he went to Sheridan township, Redwood county, and rented a farm, and in 1886 he bought 200 acres in the southwest quarter of section 32 and southeast quarter of section 31, in Kintire township. He now devoted himself entirely to the cultivation of his extensive farm and in 1898 built a barn 48 by 48 feet. In 1900 he rebuilt and remodeled the house, making it 16 by 26 feet, with two wings 14 by 16 and 12 by 16 feet. In 1914 he built a panel silo 16 by 30 feet. He keeps a high grade of stock. Mr. Mack has been active in municipal affairs and has served as township supervisor for eight years, township assessor for eight years and clerk of the school board for twenty-one years. He is a director of the Farmers' Elevator Company at Seaforth and a stockholder in the Farmers' Bank at Belview, and is also vice president of the Automobile Club of Belview. Mr. Mack was married April 4, 1882, to Hannah Eckstein, who was born May 25, 1859, at Milford, Minn., daughter of Henry and Caroline (Meyre) Eckstein. Mr. Eckstein was born in 1821, in Germany, and came to America in

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1853, locating at Chicago, where he remained one year. He then moved to Brown county, Minnesota, where he bought 160 acres of land. In 1885 he retired from farming and moved to Winona. In 1905 he went to Canada, where he lived with his daughter until his death in 1910. He was buried at New Ulm, Minn. His wife was born in Germany in January, 1831, and now resides in Winona, Minn. Mr. and Mrs. Mack have the following children: Bertha, born March 25, 1883, who is teaching in North Dakota, where she has a homestead; Albert, born March 16, 1884, who resides on a homestead in North Dakota; Oleda, born February 28, 1886, who also lives on a homestead in North Dakota; Arthur, born June 11, 1888, who is farming on his sisters' property in North Dakota; and William and Lucy, twins, born May 15, 1894.

Benjamin H. Kuenzli, born in Honner township, January 20, 1882, is the son of Bernard Kuenzli, a farmer and a native of Switzerland, who came to America and was one of the pioneers of Honner township. Bernard Kuenzli died in 1908 at the age of eighty years. His wife, Mary (Lusher) Kuenzli, died in 1910 at the age of seventy-six. When twenty-one years old, Benjamin H. Kuenzli began working out among the farmers and continued to be thus occupied until 1910, when he bought a general merchandise store from S. J. Sampson in North Redwood, which he has conducted ever since. Besides being a successful merchant, he has held various positions of public trust and has been village clerk since 1912. He is affiliated with the I. O. O. F. Mr. Kuenzli was married March 23, 1910, to Belle Sampson, who was born March 12, 1882, in Goodhue county, a daughter of John and Martha (Onstad) Sampson. Her father, for many years a farmer in Franklin and a resident of Goodhue county for twenty-seven years, died in 1904 at the age of sixty-three.

Joseph R. Keefe, whose distinguished services as a member of the lower house of the Minnesota Legislature gave him a statewide reputation, and who is now a member of the firm of Farrell & Keefe, was born in Birch Cooley township, Renville county, Minn., June 14, 1874. His father, Jeremiah Keefe, a native of Ireland, came to America at the age of fifteen, locating in Pennsylvania, whence, in 1868, he came to Birch Cooley township, taking a homestead in section 24. He moved to Morton in 1900 and died in 1901 at the age of seventy-five years. The mother, Mary (Deasy) Keefe, resides at Morton. Joseph R. Keefe acquired his early education in the local schools and graduated from the Northwestern Business college in Minneapolis in 1895. For two years he was a teacher, after which he worked in the hardware store of Linderman & Keefe Bros. at North Redwood, his two brothers being members of the firm. After two years with this firm he bought a store in company with P. R. Farrell and conducted it under the name of Farrell & Keefe. In 1905 it was in-

incorporated with a capital of \$15,000, Mr. Keefe being the secretary and treasurer. They have an extensive patronage and do a large business in furniture, hardware, machinery and automobiles. Mr. Keefe has been actively engaged in public affairs and was village recorder five years. In 1910 he was elected state representative and served one term. He is director of the Mahnomen Land Company at Mahnomen, Minn., also of the Citizens State Bank of the same place, is manager of the Farmers Co-operative Creamery of North Redwood. He and his family are members of the Catholic church and he is a member of the K. C. and M. W. A. Mr. Keefe was married September 16, 1901, to Lena Hammer, born March 15, 1883, daughter of Frank F. Hammer, a grocer in Minneapolis and his wife, Martha Hammer. Their children are: Gladys E., Roland L., Robert J., Irene, Clarence and James.

Nels J. Schjenken, well-to-do land owner and prominent citizen of Kintire township, was born in Vardal, Norway, March 21, 1860, son of Jacob and Agnes (Hanson) Peterson. His parents spent their years in the old country, the father being engaged in the manufacturing business. Nels J. Schjenken attended the parish schools and as a young man worked in a paper factory. Determined to better himself, he came to America, landing in this country June 28, 1881, and at once finding his way to Swedes Forest, this county. When he reached here he was \$50 in debt for his ticket. This he paid the first summer, working on farms in Swedes Forest township. That winter he went to Mankato, where he cut cord wood for sixty-five cents a cord and paid his own board and lodging. The next summer he came back to Swedes Forest and worked as a farm hand, and the following winter cut wood at Kilkinny, this state, at the same rate that he had worked the previous winter at Mankato. For several years he had devoted his autumns to assisting on threshing crews at seventy-five cents a day. He then engaged in the lumber business for some years, working in the pineries of northern Wisconsin during the winter months and in the saw mills at La Crosse in the spring and summer. In 1887 he came back to Redwood county and with his hard-earned savings purchased 40 acres in section 3, Kintire township. There he erected a crude shack, planted a grove, and started to develop his land. With this beginning he has built up a splendid farm of 240 acres in sections 3, 9 and 16, well tiled and fenced, and brought it to a high stage of improvement. Buildings have been erected as necessity has required. In 1900 the house was rebuilt so that it now is a sightly structure 18x28 feet with a 14x20 foot wing. In 1914 he erected a barn 34x35 feet, with a granary 16x24 feet. The groves have reached maturity, the lawns are well-kept and wide spreading, the stock is sleek and thriving, the crops are large and of the best, and everything about the place bespeaks the thrift,



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care, and good management of the owner. Beginning in this country, as he did, in debt for his passage, and now owning one of the best farms in the neighborhood, Mr. Schjenken is a splendid example of what hard work, pluck, and steady habits may accomplish in this land of boundless opportunities. Mr. Schjenken was married May 2, 1885, to Dina Larson, who was born in Norway, February 24, 1865, daughter of Lars and Agnes (Knutsen) Duffenson. Her father, born in Norway in 1842, came to America in 1882, located at Galesville, Wis., and worked as a carpenter and farmed until 1910, when he was accidentally killed. Mr. and Mrs. Schjenken have eleven children: Josephine, Agnes, Lena, Berndt, Dina, Nettie, Lars (first), Lars (second), Knute, Antoine and Johannes. Josephine was born July 10, 1886; Lars (first) was born May 31, 1888, and died July 10 of the same year; Agnes was born March 29, 1890; Lena, June 27, 1892; Berndt, March 20, 1894; Dina, April 9, 1896; Nellie, January 9, 1898; Lars, May 10, 1900; Knute and Antoine, March 10, 1903; and Johannes, June 2, 1904. Knute is five hours older than his twin, having been born at 10 o'clock in the morning while Antoine was born at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Daniel McKay was born May 9, 1862, in Scotland, son of Archibald and Jeannette (McNaughton) McKay. Both parents were natives of Scotland, and came, in 1875, to Canada, where the father died in 1881. The mother died in 1909 in Kintire township at the age of eighty-one years. Daniel McKay bought 100 acres in Chatam township, Kent county, Ontario, where he lived for eight years, then going to Rockford, Ill., where he rented a farm for five years. In February, 1888, he came to Delhi township, Redwood county, Minnesota, where he rented a farm for one year and then bought 160 acres of land in the northwestern quarter of section 10, Kintire township, where he still resides. He is an ambitious and energetic farmer and has improved and developed his farm. In 1900 he built a nice comfortable house, the main part being 26x16 feet, the wing 16x16 and the kitchen 16x12. In 1905 a barn was built, 36x48, with a concrete basement.

Mr. McKay is greatly interested in politics and has served as assessor of the township for five years, township clerk for sixteen years and as a member of the school board for eighteen years. He is a director of the State Bank at Belview and of the Farmers Elevator Company. Mr. McKay was united in marriage January 10, 1895, to Elizabeth H. Ralston, who was born June 10, 1872, at Roscoe, Winnebago county, Illinois, daughter of Thomas and Jean Ralston, both natives of Scotland. Mr. Ralston came to America in 1845 and died in 1885 in Roscoe, Ill., where his widow now resides. Mr. and Mrs. McKay have the following children: Jeanie, born December 17, 1895, who is a student at the Mankato State Normal School; Archie, born August 7, 1897; Belle, born August

11, 1899, who is a student at Belview High School; Bessie, born September 23, 1901; Donald, born June 9, 1905; Elsie, born October 20, 1908, and Eunice, born January 27, 1912.

Augustus F. Rahn, cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Belview, was born September 27, 1866, in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, son of Christian and Christena (Kuck) Rahn. Christian Rahn was born in Germany, December 24, 1833, and came to America in 1851, locating in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, where he lived for eight years, and then moving to Vermilion county, Illinois, where he bought 240 acres of land in Butler township. This he sold in 1884 and bought 160 acres of land in Redwood county, Minnesota, 80 acres of which are within the present city limits of Redwood Falls. He retired and died in 1914. He was married in 1865 to Christena Kuck, born in New York state, who died in 1903 in Redwood Falls. Augustus F. Rahn received his education in the common school of his neighborhood and attended Bryant and Stratton Business College at Buffalo, New York. He entered the dry goods store of C. W. Evert at Redwood Falls and clerked for two years. Then he bought 240 acres in section 23, Posen township, Yellow Medicine county, Minnesota, where he remained for two years. Then he clerked in a shoe store in Redwood Falls one winter and next went to Belview, where he clerked in the general store for a year. He then bought the stock of the Francois Estate and operated the store for three years. In 1896 he entered the grain and fuel business and still owns the elevator. In 1898 he bought a hardware store and harness shop. In 1891 he sold this and bought half a section land in sections 8, 9, 16 and 17 in Kintire township, which he still owns. He served as president of the village board for two years and for two years was its treasurer and a trustee. In 1910 the Farmers State Bank was organized by Mr. Rahn and others, he becoming cashier, which position he still holds. Mr. Rahn was married June 30, 1892, to Rosena Hanson, born June 14, 1866, in Wisconsin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Hanson. Nels Hanson was born in Norway and came to America, purchasing land in Swedes Forest township, Redwood county, Minnesota, where he died in 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Rahn have four children: Grant O. G., born May 7, 1893; Anna, born July 7, 1895; Carlyle R., born November 14 1897, and Norah L., born March 7, 1900.

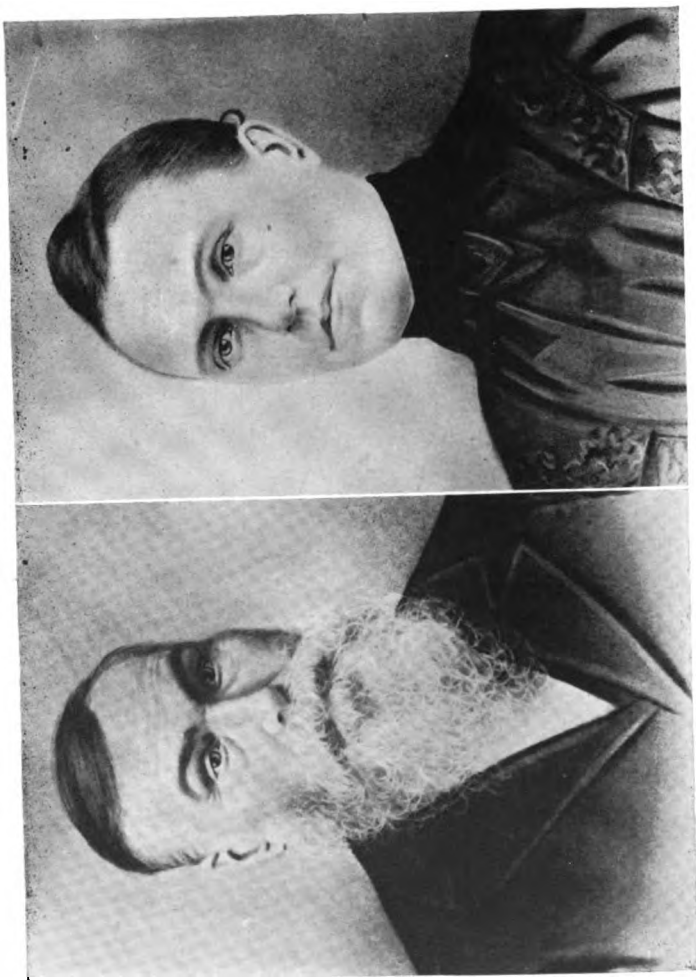
Carl Christian Enestvedt, the efficient and popular cashier of the State Bank of Belview, comes of sturdy pioneer stock, and like his forebears before him, is taking his share in the development and progress of this portion of the upper Minnesota valley. He was born on the famous old Enestvedt farm in south Sacred Heart township, Renville county, December 9, 1871, son of that worthy settler, Ole O. Enestvedt, Sr., whose career is appropriately mentioned elsewhere in this work. Carl Christian Enest-

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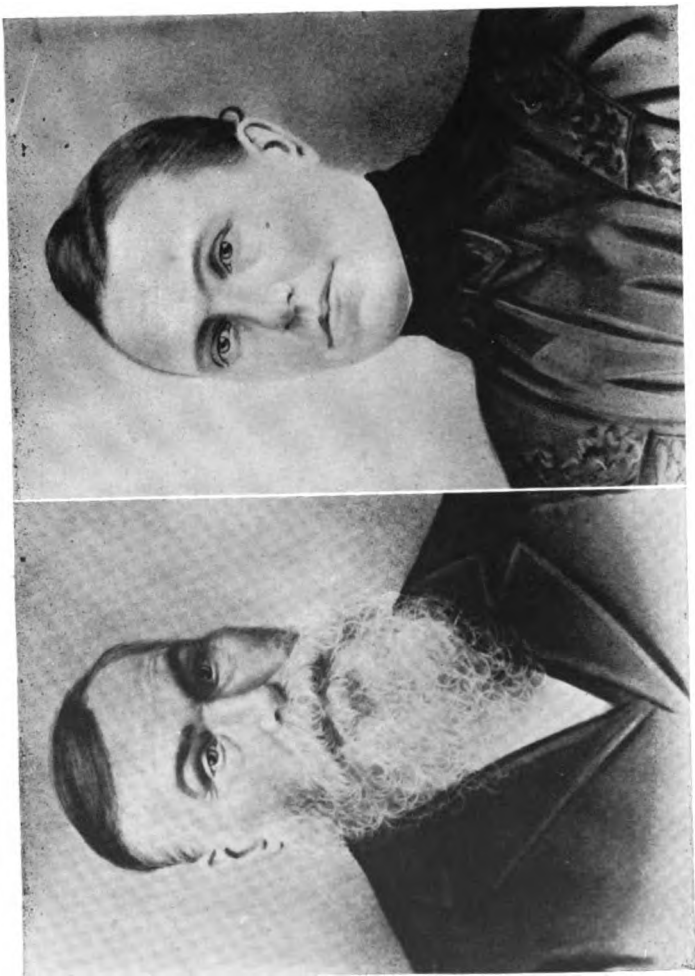
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was but little over twenty-one years of age when, in 1854, he came to America and located in Dane county, Wisconsin. After some six years there, he went to Columbia county in the same state and settled in Otsego township, where he first bought 80 acres in section 18, and later added 40 acres more. It was in 1872 that he decided to move still further west and grow up with a new country. So he sold out in Columbia county and came to Redwood county, Minnesota, securing a quarter section in section 26, Swedes Forest township. This was then indeed a pioneer country. The first settlers had located in Redwood Falls only eight years before. Scarcely ten years had passed since the Indian massacre had ravaged the valley. The village of Belview had not been thought of. The land was all wild, and the task of breaking was most difficult. Grain had to be hauled to Willmar or New Ulm by ox team, and there, too, lumber and supplies had to be obtained. The winters were hard and severe, the summer sun beat upon the treeless prairie, the mosquitos added to the discomfort of life, and for several years the grasshoppers almost ruined the crops. But in spite of all these discouragements, the hard work of Mr. Bekke and his wife had their reward, and in time success crowned their efforts. To his original quarter section he added another 200 acres in the same section. He planted a splendid grove, and as prosperity came erected a pleasant home and suitable farm buildings. In 1889 he retired and moved to the village of Belview, where he now resides. While in the township he served on the township board. For some years he was president of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Co. of Renville County. Mr. Bekke is the son of Andrew and Ingeborg (Johnson) Bekke. The father came to America in 1871, located near Hesper, Iowa, and died a few years later. Hans A. Bekke was married in 1854 to Emma Christopherson, who was born in Norway in 1832, came to America a few months before her marriage, and died April 14, 1893. She bore to Mr. Bekke twelve children: Andrew (died in 1901), Christian, Mary, Ole (died in 1904), Hansina, Emma (died in 1871), Emma, second; Martin (died in 1891), Jartinus (died in 1889), Caroline, Anna and Martha. March 2, 1894, Mr. Bekke married Mrs. Esther Gunnelson, the widow of Gunnel Gunnelson, and the daughter of John and Carrie (Jurgenson) Johnson, the former of whom was born in Norway in 1817, lived in Chicago a while, then settled in Columbia county, Wisconsin, where he died in 1852, and the latter of whom came to America in 1842, and located in Columbia county, Wisconsin, where she died in 1881. By her marriage to Mr. Gunnelson, Mrs. Bekke has four children: Cora, Amanda, Agnes and Gunnel.

Adolph Leonard, pioneer, farmer and miller, was born in Saxony, Germany, November 18, 1839, son of Frederick and Johanna Leonard, and descended from a long line of sturdy

German ancestry. He grew to manhood in the old country and in 1867 came to America, working for one year in a saw mill in Indiana. It was in 1868 that he came to Redwood county and took a homestead of 160 acres in section 22, Sheridan township. To this homestead he added, by purchase, an adjoining quarter section. Moving into a little frame house which stood on the place, he started farming with the most meagre equipment. Like the other pioneers, he used an ox team and a crude wagon. St. Peter was the nearest market place and the journey was long and tedious and during the winters even dangerous. From this humble start, toiling early and late, he gradually achieved prosperity. For many years he carried on general farming, making a specialty of Percheron horses, Shorthorn cattle and a good breed of swine. His original home was burned, as was also the one which he built to replace it; but, undaunted by these two disasters, he, in 1880, built the substantial residence which now adorns the place. In addition to the home farm, he, in 1870, took a tree claim, of which he held possession until 1913. In 1893, after many years of hard work, he moved to Belview village, where the following year he built a flour mill. This he successfully conducted until 1903. He continued to live in Belview until 1913, when he sold the home there and purchased his present substantial residence in Redwood Falls. Mr. Leonard is an independent voter and has taken an active interest in public affairs. While living in Sheridan township, he served a number of years as treasurer and also as chairman of the town and as member of the school board of his district. After moving to Belview he served as president of the village council and also as chairman of the school board. In addition to his farm holdings, he was one of the stockholders of the Farmers Elevator at Seaforth. A devout adherent of the German Lutheran Church, he helped to build the edifice of St. John's congregation in Sheridan township and was one of its first trustees. The family now attends the church of that denomination in Redwood Falls. Mr. Leonard was married March 17, 1871, to Bertha Neuman, who was born in Germany, March 1, 1848, daughter of Gotfried Neuman, a German "Musik Meister," who came to America in 1868 and lived with his daughter until his death in 1895. The Leonard family has been blessed with eight children: Selma, now deceased; Louis, a hardware merchant in Belview, who married Bertha Froelich; Anna; Minnie, wife of B. P. Hallwich, of Granite Falls, Minn.; Robert, and Otto, who conduct a drug store at Currie, Minn. (Robert married Carrie Thorson); Helen, wife of Rev. Thomas McMellen of Des Moines, Iowa; Amelia, wife of Dr. Gilbert Gosslee of Moorhead, Minn., and Otto, whom we have already mentioned above.

Louis F. Leonard, an enterprising merchant of Belview, was born in Sheridan township, Redwood county, July 28, 1873, son

of Adolph and Bertha (Newman) Leonard. He remained at home until twenty-three years of age and then worked as engineer in his father's mill. After eight years he engaged in a livery and dray business at Belview and conducted it for eight years. He then sold out and moved to Seaforth, Minn., where he was engaged in the same business for two years. In the spring of 1913 he traded his livery business for the stock and fixtures in the Belview Hardware Company and has conducted this business ever since. Mr. Leonard was married October 19, 1896, to Bertha Froelich, born March 28, 1883, in Nicollet county, Minnesota, daughter of Herman and Barbara Froelich. Her father was a native of Germany who came to America in 1867, locating in Sheridan township, this county, where he secured a homestead in section 18, of 160 acres. After a short time he sold his claim and moved to Courtland township, Nicollet county, Minnesota, where he engaged in farming. He married Mrs. Barbara Lemberger. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard have the following children: Adolph H., born October 8, 1899; Roland, born June 21, 1903, and Perry, born September 11, 1909.

Andrew M. Monson, a representative farmer of Kintire township, who has lived on his present place over a quarter of a century and in the county some thirty-seven years, has had his share in the life of the community, and is regarded as one of its leading citizens. He was born in Norway, March 11, 1864, son of Mons and Anna (Vasenden) Gimmetstad, both of whom are now deceased. Andrew M. was but fifteen years of age when he set out for America and secured employment in Swedes Forest township, this county. After a long period of hard work and self denial as a farm hand he was enabled to purchase 160 acres in the southwest quarter of section 4, Kintire township, where he now resides. He began at once to improve and develop it, and now has as good a place as is to be found in the neighborhood. He has also done some good public service, having been assessor ten years and town clerk six years. Mr. Monson was married May 30, 1892, to Elena Rake, born December 26, 1870, daughter of Elling and Martha Rake, natives of Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Monson have been blessed with nine children; Edwin, Martha, Anna, Emma, Ellen, Albert, Ida, Bertha and Evelyn.

Bertel Monson, successful farmer and merchant, now deceased, for many years a well-known factor in Redwood county life, was born in Norway in 1859, son of Mons and Anna (Vasenden) Gimmetstad, and was there reared and educated. He lost his father in 1878, and in 1880 came to America and located in Redwood county, where his brothers, Knute and Mathias, and his mother, had preceded him. For five years he worked as a farm hand in Kintire and Swedes Forest township. In 1885 he purchased 160 acres in section 4, Kintire township, and to this he later added 80 acres



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in the same section, and 8 acres in section 33, Swedes Forest township. On this place he successfully farmed for many years and became one of the leading citizens of his neighborhood. He was honored with several public positions, including that of supervisor of Kintire township for some eight years. In 1900 he retired from farm life and purchased an interest in a general store, which, in partnership with Bert Holvick, he operated under the firm name of Holvick & Monson. After a useful and busy career, he died April 19, 1908, and was sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends and associates. Mr. Monson was married in 1888 to Marie Eide, who was born in Norway in 1863, and came to America in 1880, being the daughter of William and Barbara Eide, natives of Norway, the former of whom was born in 1815; the latter, born in 1823, died in 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Monson had seven children: Minnie, born in 1889; William, born Nov. 9, 1890; Nettie, born Nov. 25, 1892; Tyler, born in 1895, who died in 1898; Zelma, born in 1896; Marvin, born in 1898; and Bertha, born in 1904.

William Monson, an energetic and enterprising young merchant of Belview, was born in Kintire township, this county, November 9, 1890, son of Bertel and Marie (Eide) Monson, prominent citizens. He was reared on the home farm and attended the district school until he was ten years old, at which time he was brought to Belview by his parents. Here he continued his schooling. In 1908 he was graduated from Minneapolis Business College. As a boy and young man he worked in the store of Holvick & Monson, in which his father was one of the partners. In 1908 he inherited his father's interest in the firm and in 1912 bought the Holvick interests, since which time he has conducted it under the name of William Monson & Co. By shrewd management, fair dealing and a thorough understanding of his business, he has built up a large trade. He carried a large stock of general merchandise and enjoys an extensive patronage. As a public spirited citizen he has taken a prominent part in the affairs of the village. For several years past he has served in his present capacity as a member of the village council. He is a member of the Belview Automobile club and the Belview Commercial club, and is an enthusiastic "booster" in both. His religious faith is that of the Norwegian Lutheran church.

Roy A. Peterson, M. D., Ph. G., physician, surgeon, of Vesta, in active practice, is one of the energetic citizens of his village and has taken a prominent part in a number of progressive movements in his vicinity. Thoroughly versed in his profession, he has made a hobby of the study of sanitation and his work as a member of the board of health of Vesta has marked a distinct epoch in the life of that village. His medical and surgical practice extends far into the country and his sympathy and ability

have made him widely beloved in the homes to which he has brought healing and comfort. Dr. Peterson was born in Roseville, Ill., July 27, 1879, son of Swan W. and Elizabeth (Pierson) Peterson. Brought to this country in 1886, he attended the schools of his neighborhood and subsequently entered the Highland Park Normal school of Des Moines Iowa, where he was graduated in 1902 with the degree of Ph.G. Thus prepared, he entered the Keokuk Medical College at Keokuk, Iowa, and was there graduated with the degree of M.D. in 1906. After suitable practice as a hospital interne, he opened an office at Swedesburg, Iowa, where he remained until 1910. In that year he came to Vesta and succeeded to the practice of Dr. F. D. Gray. Being thoroughly ethical in his profession he has allied himself with the American and Minnesota State Medical associations and with the Camp Release Medical Society. In addition to his services as health officer, he has been a member of the village council of Vesta and also a member of the board of education. He is a director in the Vesta State Bank and a stockholder in the Luce Electric line and in the Adsit Lockout Telephone Company. He has made a hobby of farm life and his real estate holdings include 480 acres of farm land in Redwood county and 480 acres in Yellow Medicine county. Dr. Peterson was married September 3, 1907 to Evelyn Hoffstedt, who was born May 26, 1888, daughter of Adolph and Christine (Lille) Hoffstedt. Dr. and Mrs. Peterson have three children: Kenneth A., born November 15, 1912, and Doris and Dorothy (twins), born July 11, 1915. Adolph Hoffstedt was born in Sweden, came to America in 1869, and engaged in farming near Swedesburg, Iowa, where he died in 1898, at the age of sixty-three years. His wife Christine was born in Sweden, came to America in 1875, and still makes her home in Swedesburg, Iowa.

Ole O. Flom, a retired farmer living in the village of Belview, has been a resident of this county for some thirty-four years, and has had his part in the wonderful progress that has taken place in that time, having by his own efforts developed a tract of wild prairie land into one of the best farms in the county. He was born in Dane county, Wisconsin, Aug. 29, 1851, son of Ole and Martha (Gullickson) Gunderson, natives of Norway, the former of whom came to America in 1848 and located in Columbia county, Wisconsin, where he and his good wife both died in 1854. Left an orphan at the tender age of three years, Ole O. Flom was taken into the home of J. J. Lee, of Columbia county, Wisconsin, and there was reared, receiving a good common school education. At the age of seventeen he left his foster parents, and went to Rio, Wis. After three years spent in learning the blacksmith trade, he rented the shop in which he had served his apprenticeship. A year later, however, he returned to the neighborhood in which he had been reared, and there erected a blacksmith shop



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which he successfully conducted until 1882. In that year he came to Swedes Forest, this county, and purchased 160 acres of wild land in sections 25 and 36. On this he erected a rude shack, 16 feet square, and started to break the land. Gradually he brought the farm to a high degree of cultivation, added 80 acres in the Delhi township bottoms, and developed as fine a place as could be found in the neighborhood. In time he erected a fine set of buildings well in keeping with the prosperity that he had attained. He planted trees, erected fences, purchased modern machinery and implements, and successfully carried on general farming until 1912. Then he erected a beautiful home in Belview village, where he is spending the afternoon of life, reaping the rewards of his many years of patient labor and devoted toil. A thorough believer in education, Mr. Flom served as treasurer of school district No. 55 for thirteen years. He was also treasurer of the township for a while. In the Rockdale Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church he took a particular interest, acting as one of its trustees for four years and doing efficient services on its building committee. He is an admirable citizen in every way, and is a splendid example of what an orphan youth with little encouragement may accomplish by hard work and native ability. June 24, 1876, to Sarah Austin, who was born in Norway, February 14, 1851, daughter of Austin and Karie (Stene) Gulverson, natives of Norway, the former of whom was born in 1808, came to America in 1861, engaged in farming in Columbia county, Wisconsin, and died in 1888, and the latter of whom was born in 1829 and died in 1887. Mrs. Flom, after a useful life as a loyal wife and devoted mother, died January 23, 1911, leaving five children: Mina, Otto, Lina (deceased), Rosella and Emma. Mina is the wife of J. S. Gunnelson, of Belview, and their children are: Sarah L., Otto F., Adolph G., Walter O. and Margaret J. Otto operates the home farm in Swedes Forest township. He married Cora Knutson, and has two children, Kathlene and Otto S. Rosella is the wife of Andrew Davison, of New Prairie, Minn., and has one child, Ole. Emma lives at home and teaches in the Belview schools.

Frank H. Bendix, of the firm Bendix and Dickson, was born in Columbus, Wis., January 10, 1874, son of John F. and Augusta (Hinzman) Bendix. He remained at home until 1891, when he began working out on the farms. In 1894 he was graduated from the St. Paul Park College of St. Paul Park, Minn., where he took up a commercial and normal course. After that he engaged in teaching in Yellow Medicine county, Minnesota, and spent two years in South Dakota. In 1897 he began work in a general store owned by Matz and Schroeder of Vesta. Two and a half years later he bought the general store of Nelson and Rawlings in Vesta and engaged in business with J. W. Dickson as partner. He is

a director of Vesta State Bank and of the Farmers Elevator Company. He has been village treasurer since 1904, served on the village council one year, being a member of the first council, and has been president of the school board since 1906. Fraternally he is affiliated with the M. W. A. Mr. Bendix was married June 6, 1901, to Emily Streech, who was born May 10, 1874, daughter of Fred and Minnie (Leudtke) Streech. Her father was a pioneer of Flora township, Renville county, who came from Germany in 1871 and is now a fruit farmer in Los Angeles, Cal. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Bendix are as follows: Lester, born September 4, 1902; Ralph, born June 26, 1904; Delia, born June 6, 1908; Neva, born August 6, 1909; and Gordon, born December 17, 1912. The family are members of the Presbyterian church.

Salem F. Scott, financier and prominent citizen of Vesta, is eminently qualified for the position he holds as a village banker. His many years as a farmer have given him a keen sight into agricultural conditions and he has kept in close touch with each stage of progress in rural development. He is a personal friend of every farmer for miles around and has shown his faith in the future of this neighborhood by acquiring a large farm of 400 acres in Vesta township, on which are conducted many experiments along the latest lines of agricultural science. Salem F. Scott was born in Paisley, Ontario, April 21, 1868, of devout and learned parents. His father, John W. Scott, a retired clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal church, who now lives in Ottawa, Canada, served a long and useful career as pastor of various churches in Minnesota, North Dakota, Missouri and Kansas. The mother, Mrs. Maria (McFadden) Scott, has been an able helpmeet of her husband in all his endeavors. Reared in the cultured home of these devout people the subject of this sketch attended school in the various villages to which his father was assigned and supplemented this education with a two years' course in law in the University of Minnesota. His practical commercial experience was secured in the Minnesota School of Business at Minneapolis, from which he was graduated in 1898. In the meanwhile he had devoted many years to farming at Plainville, Kans.; Drayton, N. D.; St. Thomas, N. D., and Hallock, Minn. It was on January 1, 1904, that he came to Vesta as cashier of the Vesta State Bank, a position he still holds. His personality and integrity have been vital factors in the success and growth of this institution. In addition to his holdings in the Vesta Bank, Mr. Scott was one of the incorporators, and is still one of the stockholders, of the Peoples Bank of St. Paul. He is also a stock holder in the Twin City Fire Insurance Company of Minneapolis. A man of many interests, Mr. Scott has by no means confined his attention to banking and agriculture. As a member of the village council of Vesta, he has done most efficient service and his work as a



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member of the school board has been highly prized. Mr. Scott was married in August, 1905, to Zula I. Way, who was born in Walnut Grove, January 22, 1880, daughter of Victor N. and Elizabeth (Sime) Way, pioneers of that township. This union has been blessed with three children: Robert W., born December 4, 1908; Hazel E., born March 4, 1911, and Bertram A., born February 26, 1913. The family faith is that of the Presbyterian church.

Haskell M. Reichert, manager of the electric plant of Vesta, was born in La Crosse, Wis., January 22, 1870, son of Jacob and Emma (Brown) Reichert. Jacob Reichert was born in Bingen on the Rhine and came to America in 1850 with his parents, locating in La Crosse county, where they engaged in farming. In 1881 they moved to Lyon, Minn., and in 1898 he moved to Virden, Manitoba, where he died in 1900. Haskell M. Reichert worked as a mechanic from 1891 to 1899 and then opened a machine and blacksmith shop in Vesta, Minn. After two years he engaged in the implement business, which he continued for three years. Then for the next three years he was engaged in the hardware and implement business for himself. Subsequently, he entered into partnership with George Bendix in the same business, which, three years later, was incorporated as the Vesta Hardware Company with a capital of \$25,000, the members of the company in addition to Mr. Reichert being George Bendix and James McGregor. July, 1914, Mr. Reichert sold his interest and took charge of the Vesta electric light and power company. The village erected a building and put in the waterworks, which Mr. Reichert operates, the electric light plant having been installed in the same building. The Vesta Electric Light and Power Company has two 25-kilowatt generators, two oil-burning engines of semi-Deissel type, a 20-horsepower Muncie and a 30-horsepower Anderson. It has a storage battery of 96 cells, Edison 150-ampere hour capacity. It gives 24-hour service, has 55 customers and costs \$6,500. Mr. Reichert has served as school treasurer since 1900 and was a member of the city council for three years, and mayor for six months. He is a member of the M. W. A. Mr. Reichert was united in marriage May 31, 1899, to Nellie Sharratt, who was born October 14, 1876, daughter of Charles and Priscilla Sharratt. The father, a native of England, came to America in 1868, locating in Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, and later—in September, 1887—in Lyon county, Minnesota, where he engaged in farming. He now has retired from active work and lives with the subject of this sketch. His wife died October 15, 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Reichert have three children: Dean, born March 28, 1903; Harold, born March 19, 1906, and Dorothy, born May 11, 1908. The family are members of the Presbyterian church.

Ormie S. Wyman was born in Underwood township, Redwood county, October 15, 1882, son of Frederick A. and Janet (Barber)

Wyman. Frederick A. Wyman was born in Onondago county, New York, and came to Wisconsin at the age of five years. In 1877 he homesteaded in the northeast half of the northeast quarter of section 14, Underwood township, where he resided, subsequently, until his death, February 27, 1898, at the age of forty-seven. He was married in 1878, and he and his wife had two children: Ormie S., the subject of this sketch, and Alva D., who is in the rural mail service. Ormie S. Wyman remained at home and helped to operate the farm until 1904, after which he rented it until 1915. At the time of his father's death it contained 240 acres, to which 80 acres were added later. In 1915 Mr. Wyman moved to Vesta, where he is agent for the Oakland automobile. He was married October 19, 1904, to Sadie Hunt, who was born June 6, 1883, daughter of James Hunt (a farmer of Anoka county, Minn., who died in 1885 at the age of forty-seven), and his wife, Mary (Keillor) Hunt. There were three children in the Hunt family: Rozel, a farmer of Anoka; Gertrude, wife of Ross Barber, a farmer of Underwood township, and Sadie. Mr. and Mrs. Wyman also have three children: Laura, born July 6, 1909; Fred, born Nov. 22, 1910, and Ralph, born May 20, 1915.

Julius J. Smith, a well known citizen of Vesta, was born in St. Clair county, Illinois, June 17, 1865, son of August J. and Margaret (Richard) Smith. August J. Smith, who was a mason by trade, was born in Germany, and came to America with his parents in 1843. They located first in Illinois, but in 1881 moved to Brownston, McLeod county, where he resided until his death in 1910, when aged 72 years. His wife is now living at Hutchinson, Minn. Julius J. Smith remained at home until 1895, when he engaged in the mason's trade in Hutchinson and was thus employed until 1900. He then moved to Vesta, Minn., where he is now located. Here he does concrete work, laying sidewalks, building foundations, plastering, etc. He has been a member of the village council for four years. Fraternally associated with the I. O. O. F. he has held the chairs in his lodge and is now serving as noble grand. He is also connected with the M. W. A., in which he is venerable council. Mr. Smith was married June 29, 1905, to Lydia Bipes, who was born Nov. 4, 1879, daughter of Charles J. Bipes, a farmer of McLeod county, Minn., who died March 14, 1913, and Elizabeth (Sauter) Bipes, who died April 15, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two children: Myrtle and Goldie. The members of the family on both sides belong to the German Methodist church.

John W. Dickson, formerly of the firm of Bendix & Dickson, was born in Ontario, Canada, August 18, 1873, and died Sept. 7, 1908. His father, Samuel Dickson, was a farmer of Canada, who died in 1909, at the age of seventy-three; the mother died in 1900, at the age of fifty-eight. There were eight children in

the family: Belle, who married James McGregor, of Vesta; James, a farmer of Saskatchewan, Canada; Jane, wife of Alec McGregor, of Saskatchewan, Canada; Agnes, wife of Robert Barber, a merchant of Saskatchewan, Canada; Elizabeth, wife of Robert Goode, a merchant at Ontario, Canada; John W., subject of the sketch; Samuel, a farmer at Saskatchewan; and Mary, living in Saskatchewan, Canada. John W. Dickson came to the United States in 1895 and secured employment as a miller at Echo, Minn., being thus occupied four years. He then worked on a farm in Vesta township. Next he engaged in the hardware business in Vesta, but after a year and a half sold out and opened a general store in Vesta, with F. H. Bendix, under the name of Bendix & Dickson. Mr. Dickson was married Sept. 5, 1900, to Belle Barber, who was born June 3, 1875, daughter of Thomas C. and Sarah (McLeod) Barber. Mr. Barber was born Feb. 11, 1841, in Canada and came to the United States in 1870, homesteading in Yellow Medicine county, Minn., where he died Nov. 30, 1911. His wife, to whom he was married December 31, 1863, was born August 16, 1839, in Glasgow, Scotland, and died June 20, 1908. There were the following children in the Barber family: Robert, merchant of Tregarva, Saskatchewan, Canada; Maria, wife of James R. Dickson, a farmer of Yellow Medicine county, who died Nov. 16, 1910, at the age of forty-two; George, a farmer of Vesta township; Will, a farmer in Saskatchewan; Alexander D., a farmer on the old home place; Belle, who married Mr. Dickson; Mary, wife of Elmer McElrath, a merchant at Vesta; Laura, wife of Oliver T. Sunde, sheriff of Renville county, and Sadie, wife of Willison Lambert, a real estate dealer of Victoria, B. C. Mr. and Mrs. Dickson were blessed with two children, Alice, born April 7, 1904, and Wilbur, born September 6, 1905.

Charles B. Fraser, a popular dentist of Vesta, was born in Woodstock, Ontario, January 23, 1870, son of Angus and Annie (Dunn) Fraser. Angus Fraser was born at Inverness, Scotland, and came to America in 1851, locating in Ontario, where he has lived ever since. He is now a retired farmer and lives at Woodstock. Charles B. Fraser was graduated from the Woodstock Baptist College in 1900, from the Toronto Dental College in 1902, and from the Chicago Dental College in 1903. Thus prepared, he began his career by locating for some ten years at Cottonwood Minn., moving to Vesta, Minn., in 1912. He is a member of the Dental Society of Minnesota, of the Masonic order, and of the Xi Psi Phi College fraternity. He has been deputy state oil inspector for Redwood county since April, 1905. Dr. Fraser was united in marriage in St. Louis, Mo., June 28, 1904, to Camille Brownelle, who was born March 11, 1882, daughter of William and Nannie (Dunkin) Brownelle, her father being a cotton planter, who has lived at West Plains, Mo., for twelve years. Mrs.

Fraser is a graduate of the West Plains high school and attended college in Memphis. She and her husband have five children, who were born as follows: Donald, May 29, 1905; Edward, August 17, 1907; Scott, December 6, 1909; Frank, July 4, 1911, and Jack, July 19, 1913.

Carl Gladitsch was born in Germany, November 19, 1852, son of Carl and Sophia (Fultz) Gladitsch. Carl Gladitsch, the elder, came to America in 1872, locating in Sibley county, where he died in 1909, at the age of 80 years. His first wife died in Germany, in 1868, at the age of 42, leaving three children: Carl, subject of this memoir; William, a mason at Gaylord, Minn.; and Ernstina, now wife of Emil Mutwig, a retired farmer of Gaylord. Mr. Gladitsch, Sr., was married a second time in 1870, to Mrs. Dorothy Konnecke, who died in 1911, at the age of 80 years. Carl Gladitsch, Jr., remained at home until his marriage, when he engaged in farming for himself in Sibley county. In 1894 he sold his property there and bought 440 acres in section 29, Vesta township, where he is now located. He owns at present 640 acres, carries on diversified farming, and is a stockholder in the Farmers' elevator at Vesta. He has been township treasurer for four years, and treasurer of school district No. 82 for ten years. Mr. Gladitsch was one of the organizers of the Vesta German Lutheran church, being instrumental in getting it built and helping raise the money for it. He has been a trustee of the church for five years. Mr. Gladitsch was married November 19, 1879, to Bertha Blankenhagen, who was born June 10, 1855, in Germany, daughter of Fritz Blankenhagen. Her father came to America in 1882, locating in Gaylord, Minn., where he died in 1885. His wife, Augusta (Thure) Blankenhagen, mother of Mr. Gladitsch, died in 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Gladitsch are the parents of ten children; Minnie, wife of E. Redmann, a farmer of Granite Rock township, this county; William, Emil, Herman, and Charles, all of whom are farmers in Vesta township; Louis, a farmer of Granite Rock township; Albert, Sophia, Paul, and Martin. Mrs. E. Redmann has had eight children: Elsie (deceased), Martin, Frederick, Annie, Esther, Emma, Cora (deceased), and Violet. Emil who married Annie Dainlouski, has three children: Freda, Lester and Edna. Mr. Gladitsch has purchased a lot in the village of Vesta and has erected thereon a modern home to which he will retire this fall (1916). The home farm will be conducted by his youngest son, Martin.

Elmer A. McElrath, a well known citizen of Vesta, was born in Dakota county, Minn., July 2, 1874, son of Ambrose A. now of Goodhue county, and his wife, Maria E. (Foster) McElrath. There were five children in the family: Elmer A., Henry, a telegraph operator, at Randolph, Minn.; Olive, wife of B. G. Priest, an electrician at Wood Lake; Percy, a farmer of Goodhue county,



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and Nina, principal of a school in East Minneapolis. Elmer A. McElrath acquired his early education in the schools of his neighborhood and spent one year at Hamline University. He then engaged in buying grain at Echo, Minn., and later at Oriska, North Dakota, and at Randolph and Kenyon, Minn. Next he engaged in farming in Yellow Medicine county and in 1908 bought an interest in the firm of Bendix and Dickson at Vesta, where he has served one year on the village council. He is a member of the M. W. A., having been clerk for seven years. Mr. McElrath was married March 21, 1900, to Mary Barber, who was born July 5, 1877, daughter of Thomas C., of Yellow Medicine county, and his wife, Sarah (McLeod) Barber. This union resulted in two children: Verna, born July 31, 1902, and Harold, born March 1, 1904.

Isaac Johnson, a pioneer of Sheridan township, was born in England, and went to Canada as a young man, marrying Sarah Riddel, a native of New York state. In 1869 Mr. Johnson came to Sheridan township, Redwood county, Minn., where he secured a homestead and built a shack, bringing his family from Canada in the fall. Like all the pioneers they endured many hardships and privations, but prosperity came to them in time. They erected some good buildings, developed the place and carried on general farming. In 1881 they rented the farm to their sons and purchased a place in Sherman township, where they farmed until 1889. They then retired, moving to Redwood Falls, where they subsequently died. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were the parents of nine children: Jonas, James, William, Thomas, Elizabeth, Catherine, Caroline, Sarah, and Cora. Jonas and William are dead; James lives in Sheridan township, and Thomas in Redwood Falls. Elizabeth is the wife of John Longbottom, of Seaforth; Catherine the wife of David Alexander of Redwood Falls; Caroline the wife of Frank Barnum of Mankato; Sarah the wife of James Garner of California, and Cora the wife of Eugene Palmer of Albert Lea.

David Alexander, an estimable pioneer of Vesta township, now living in retirement in Redwood Falls, was born in Roxburghshire, Scotland, June 17, 1847, son of George and Matilda (Smith) Alexander, both natives of that country. He came to America in 1849, settling in Ontario, Canada, where he lived until March, 1870, when he came to United States. In June of that year he reached Vesta, this county, and homesteaded 160 acres in section 12. The neighborhood was then a wild sweeping prairie, the only house within sight being that of Edward Payne. Mr. Alexander set to work with a will and erected a shack, planted groves, broke the land and started general farming. His original shack, 16 by 20, was made of native lumber. The year after it was built it was equipped with pine sidings and shingles from the mill at

Delhi, which was started in 1871. Mr. Alexander prospered with the years, adding to his holdings from time to time until he owned one and a quarter sections. After he had lived on his original place about 23 years he bought his father's farm in the same section, built new barns and outbuildings and there resided until 1900. He then came to Redwood Falls, and bought 41½ acres there adjoining the village limits. Next he bought 40 acres on the east of the fair grounds. In 1904 he sold 30 acres to the fair association, which left him a good place of 51½ acres, which he still owns. Here he has since resided with the exception of four years—from 1908 to 1912—which were spent on the old farm in Vesta township. A prominent man in the community, he served as chairman of the town board for some 16 years and as a member of the school board for a long period. Mr. Alexander was married October 15, 1878, to Catherine Johnson, who was born in Ontario, Canada, April 7, 1858, daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Riddel) Johnson, pioneers, of Sheridan township. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander have been blessed with eight children: Lorina, born August 16, 1879, who is the wife of George W. Whittet, Jr.; Cora, born November 7, 1881, who died April 30, 1889; David O., born August 3, 1884, who married Bessie Thorgeson; George I., born June 19, 1887, who married Dora Williams; Grace, born February 8, 1891, who married William Sickman; Glen, born September 25, 1893; Charles, born February 9, 1896, who now conducts a lumber yard at Rochester, Minn.; and William L., born November 3, 1900, who lives at home.

George Alexander, a pioneer settler of Vesta township, was born in Scotland, where he married Matilda Smith. In 1849, with his wife and three children, he emigrated to Canada. On the very day they reached Hamilton, Ontario, his wife died, and Mr. Alexander and his children subsequently resided in the province of Ontario until 1870. He then came to Redwood county, Minn., and took a homestead in section 12, Vesta township. Here he lived until 1891, when he retired from active work and moved to Redwood Falls, where he died January 30, 1892. His children were Adam, Isabelle and David. Adam resides in Washington, Isabelle is the wife of John Russel, of Kintire township, this county, while David is a retired farmer living in Redwood Falls.

David Ormie Alexander, an enterprising young farmer of Vesta township, was born in section 12, this township, August 3, 1884, son of David and Catherine (Johnson) Alexander. David remained at home until 1906 when he began work for the Northern Pacific railroad in Washington, and was thus occupied for a year. After that he farmed the home place until 1911, and also operated a thresher. Buying 160 acres of land in section 12, Vesta township, he began the development of his property and is now residing there. He has made many improvements and has brought

his farm to a high state of cultivation. He raises a good grade of Polled Angus cattle. Mr. Alexander was married June 24, 1914, to Bessie Thorgerson, who was born June 15, 1889, daughter of Lewis L. and Dena (Bystol) Thorgerson, both natives of Norway, who came to America in 1883. There were six children in the Thorgerson family: Clara, wife of Lewis Almberg, of Kiester, Minn.; Lizzie, now Mrs. Lewis Twito, of Seattle, Wash.; Martin, a farmer of Kiester, Minn.; Bessie, Dorothy and Dagny. Mrs. Bessie Alexander died August 24, 1916, having borne her husband two children: Catherine Doris, born April 7, 1915, and Donald Leroy, born July 17, 1916.

Carl O. Anderson, an enterprising farmer of Vesta township, was born in Sweden, December 24, 1860, son of Andrew Johnson, who died in 1878, at the age of forty years, and his wife, Annie Johnson, who still resides in Sweden. Carl O. Anderson came to America in 1882. He had been brought up on his father's farm in Sweden and learned the art of farming. In 1893 he bought 160 acres of land in section 10, Vesta township, where he now lives. He has improved this land and increased his holdings and now owns 560 acres. Among his improvements is a fine grove of six acres. His first house was of frame, 14 by 16 feet. In 1899 he built a comfortable six-room frame house and in 1904 a basement barn 40 by 60. He has considerable land set out in alfalfa, and clover and timothy. He raises Hereford cattle, having several head registered, and makes a specialty of feeding cattle and hogs for the market, shipping about two carloads of cattle and one of hogs every year. Aside from his principal business as a farmer, he is a stockholder in the State Bank of Vesta, also in the Farmers' Elevator Company, and the Redwood County Rural Telephone Company. His fraternal affiliations are with the M. W. A. Mr. Anderson was united in marriage April 11, 1890, to Ida Anderson, who was born July 30, 1865, in Sweden, daughter of Andrew Pearson, a farmer of Sweden who died in 1910, and his wife, Katherine Pearson, who died in 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have three sons and one daughter: Vernon, born March 13, 1891, who is a farmer of Vesta township; Victor, born July 22, 1892; Esther, born December 1, 1894; and Edward, born October 22, 1895. The last three are residing at home.

John Kotval was born in Bohemia, February 28, 1862, son of John and Mary (Starek) Kotval. The father was a farmer who died in 1875 at the age of 40 years, and the mother died in Vesta township in 1915, at the age of seventy-two. The son John came to America in 1880, locating in New York City, where he was a cigarmaker for seven years. In 1888 he bought 80 acres of land in section 18, Vesta township, this county, but is now living in section 17. He has improved and developed his property and owns at present 320 acres, all in Vesta township, which he farms. He

began his farming operations with a team of oxen, and his first house was a frame building, 14 by 20 feet in dimensions. In 1907, he rebuilt his house and now has a fine seven-room dwelling, and in 1908 he erected a barn, 32 by 56 feet. He has a large grove and a fine fruit orchard and raises shorthorn cattle, Duroc Jersey swine and White Leghorn chickens. For five years he has served as school director and for two years as road overseer. He is a member of the Farmers' Elevator Company at Vesta. Mr. Kotval was married September 5, 1885, to Josephine Zemman, who was born in Bohemia, March 17, 1866, daughter of John and Antonia (Novak) Zemman. John Zemman, who located in Ohio, where he was engaged in farming, died in 1914, at the age of seventy-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Kotval have nine children: Agnes, married to Charles Dunn, a farmer, of Underwood township, and who has one child, Hazel; Joseph and Henry, who are operating their farm of 240 acres in sections 16 and 21, Vesta township; Rosa, Frank, Albert, John, William and Mary.

Charles Boushek, a farmer of Vesta township, was born in Bohemia, May 27, 1868, son of Wencel and Antonia (Fencel) Boushek. Wencel Boushek was born in 1824 in Bohemia, where he was a miner and died in 1875. His wife, born in 1826, is still living in Bohemia, being now 90 years of age. Charles Boushek came to the United States in 1882 locating in New York city, where he followed the trade of tailor. In 1889 he bought 80 acres of land in section 18, Vesta township, this county. Selling this in 1892, he bought 200 acres in section 16, Vesta township, which he improved and sold in 1899. Then he bought 160 acres in section 11, where he is now located. He has a well improved farm to which he has made additions from time to time until he now owns 560 acres and farms all together 640 acres. He keeps shorthorn cattle and Duroc Jersey swine and makes a specialty of feeding cattle for the market, shipping a carload each year. Since 1903 he has been a member of the township board and its chairman for six years, in which position he is now serving. He has been director of school district No. 3 since 1902. Aside from these positions he has been president of the Farmers' Elevator Company at Vesta since 1908 and is a stockholder in the State Bank of Vesta, the Redwood County Rural Telephone Company and the Luce Electric Line. He is a member of the C. O. F., the M. W. A. and the Bohemia Lodge of C. S. D. P. J. Mr. Boushek was united in marriage to Katrina Kotval September 10, 1886. She was born January 6, 1869, daughter of John and Mary (Starek) Kotval. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Boushek: Stanley, who is in the produce business at Carrington, North Dakota, and who married Winnie Cobleigh; Frank, dealer in farm implements at Lucan; Joseph a farmer of Vesta township, who was married October 6, 1915, to Grace Shepley of Farmington, Minn.; Rosa,

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wife of Arnold Kramer, of Vesta township; Emil, Charles, Edward, Richard and Beatrice.

Rev. Paul R. O. Gedicke, pastor of the German Lutheran church of Vesta, was born in Germany, October 6, 1873, son of Carl and Laura (Schlick) Gedicke. The father, Carl Gedicke, was a German manufacturer who died in 1880 at the age of 45 years, his wife dying in 1887 at the age of thirty-six. Paul R. O. Gedicke acquired a good education in his native land, graduating from the University of Leipzig in 1897. In 1900 he emigrated to America and was pastor of the German Lutheran church, situated in the country eight miles northeast of Canby, Minn. In 1907 he left this charge and accepted a call from the German Lutheran church at Vesta, Minn. Mr. Gedicke was united in marriage, February 14, 1901, to Minna Schutz, who was born December 9, 1875, daughter of Henry Schutz, a landowner of Germany, and his wife, Minna (Luebbert) Schutz, who died in 1899. Mrs. Gedicke came to America, locating in Oakland, Cal., in 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Gedicke have two children: Frida, born December 3, 1901, and Theophiel, born March 16, 1903.

Julius H. Melges, a well known citizen of Redwood Falls, was born in New Ulm, September 28, 1868. His father, Frederick G. Melges, was born in Germany and came to America in 1856, engaged in the bakery business in Chicago until 1865, and then moved to New Ulm where he erected the first bakery at that place, and where for fifteen years he was associated with the Eagle Roller Mills. He died in 1905, at the age of 75 years. His wife, Lena F. Milse, died the same year at the age of sixty-eight. Julius H. Melges remained at home until 1882. Then he learned the barber trade with Eugene Koehler of New Ulm. In the fall of 1886 he came to Redwood Falls and bought a barbershop, which he successfully operated until the spring of 1913, when he sold out to engage in the real estate and produce business, making a specialty of Clay county lands. In 1891 he bought the northeast quarter of section 14, Sheridan township, and since then by judicious purchases has acquired other tracts until he now owns 1,400 acres in Redwood county. He also owns a large cold storage and produce plant, in Redwood Falls, which he rents to his brother Otto. His home, overlooking Redwood Falls park, is one of the prettiest in the city, surrounded with wide spreading lawns and shaded with noble trees. Mr. Melges' generosity has made possible a better entrance to the public park. In 1913 he was elected mayor of the city and served one term. He was also a member of the city council four years. He is a member of the Presbyterian church and fraternally is affiliated with the A. O. U. W. and the E. F. U. of which he is treasurer. Mr. Melges was married June 20, 1901, to Carrie J. Rickmeyer, born February 27, 1879 daughter of Fred Rickmeyer, a retired farmer of Waseca, Minn. Mr.

and Mrs. Melges have the following children: Fred, born March 30, 1902; Milton, born June 2, 1903; Helen, born September 28, 1904; Grace, born May 17, 1906; Esther, born October 8, 1907; Julia, born March 16, 1909; Carl, born November 1, 1911; Wilbur, born May 2, 1913, and Lois, born November 21, 1914.

Arthur S. Kenney, a merchant of Redwood Falls and also an extensive land owner, was born in Rice county, Minn., Nov. 23, 1867, son of Charles H. and Eureka (Horton) Kenney. The father was born in Massachusetts, November 21, 1840, and came to Rice county in 1857 where he farmed until 1886, when he moved to Paxton township, Redwood county, and farmed until 1893. He has since lived with his son. His wife died in 1908, at the age of 61. In 1887 Arthur S. Kenney bought forty acres in section 11, Paxton township and in 1890 bought 120 acres in section 15, Paxton township, where he farmed until 1905. December 20, 1907, he opened a grocery store in the building of J. M. Dunnington, which he had bought, in partnership with Henry Kuck. October 11, 1909, he became sole proprietor. Besides his property in Redwood Falls he also owns 400 acres in sections 11, 14 and 15, Paxton township, and has a fine seven-room house and good farm buildings; including two barns, one for horses, 32 by 68, with cement floors and running water, and one for cattle, 36 by 48, with cement floors and running water; and also two silos, one 16 by 41, of cement blocks, and the other a panel silo, 14 by 30 feet; as well as a modern dairy house, 12 by 16, made of frame with a cement floor and up-to-date cooling tanks. Eleven acres of the farm are set to alfalfa, while forty acres are in clover and timothy. Mr. Kenney has a herd of some sixteen head of registered Holstein cattle, and aside from carrying on general farming and dairying, he raised cattle for the market, shipping from one to three carloads a year. He also keeps some 200 swine. Busy as he is with his farm duties, Mr. Kenney has found time to devote to fraternal duties, and he is now the efficient treasurer of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Redwood Falls. Mr. Kenney was married April 26, 1891, to Anna Hockett, daughter of William and Ellen (Bye) Hockett. Her father was a farmer of Paxton township, and now makes his home with Mr. Kenney. Her mother died in 1915 at the age of ninety-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Kenney have three children: Charles, John and William. Charles and John are managing the farm.

Gustaf Larson was born November 21, 1850, and married in 1878 to Maria Hjerpe, born in Sweden, January 1, 1853. He came to America with his family in March, 1888, and for five years worked for the Pullman Palace Car Company, at Chicago. In 1890 he bought eighty acres in section 11, Underwood township, Redwood county, where he now owns 320 acres and carries on diversified farming. A believer in education he has

served as a member of the school board for ten years. Mr. and Mrs. Larson have eight children: Gustave E., Edward, a farmer of Underwood township; Joseph, a commercial traveler of Alexandria, Minn.; Alma, now Mrs. James McGregor, wife of a farmer of Saskatchewan, Canada; Daisy, wife of Samuel Lundquist, a grocer of Chicago; Ruth, now Mrs. Philip Hanson, of Missoula, Montana; Paul and Leonard, a student at the University of Chicago.

Gustave E. Larson, traveling salesman for Dodd & Struthers, lightning rod manufacturers, of Des Moines, Iowa was born in Stockholm, Sweden, June 11, 1879, son of Gustaf and Maria (Hjerpe) Larson. He was brought to this country by his parents, and lived with them in Chicago and in Underwood township, this county. In 1898 he engaged in the grocery business at Vesta. Two years later he took up the hardware and implement business. In 1906 he established his present relations with Dodd & Stuthers, for which concern he covers the southern part of Minnesota. He has a pleasant home in Redwood Falls, has taken his part in civic progress, and has done good service as a member of the board of education. February 15, 1915, he became secretary of the Hubbard-David Company, a leading clothing concern of Redwood Falls. Fraternally he is associated with the A. F. & A. M. and the I. O. O. F. Mr. Larson was married August 18, 1909, to Florence Parker of Faribault, daughter of Abner Parker, a farmer of Rice county, and his wife, Edith (Rand) Parker. Mr. and Mrs. Larson have two children: Wayne Parker, born July 27, 1911, and Ralph Gordon, born March 17, 1914. The family faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mr. Larson is a member of the official board.

Herman G. Werder, a leading agriculturist, living in Redwood Falls, was born in Switzerland, March 26, 1867, son of Jacob and Anna (Hauptli) Werder, who, when he was two years of age brought him to America, and located on Crow creek, in Paxton township, three miles east of Redwood Falls, moving in 1872 to New Avon township, where he attended the district schools, grew to manhood, and learned agricultural pursuits. During the years of his home life, Herman G. Werder worked hard, saved his money, thoroughly mastered farming, and in 1891 purchased in section 27, New Avon township, 240 acres of land, on which he erected a home and outbuildings, planted a grove, and made many other improvements. In 1893, after his marriage, he left the parental roof, and moved into his new house. It was that fall, however, that he moved into Redwood Falls, where he has since made his home. At the same time he sold his farm, and purchased a complete threshing outfit, thus engaging in a business which he profitably followed for twenty-two seasons. During this period he also engaged in several

other lines of industry. For a time he was in the meat business, and he also for several seasons engaged in the buying and shipping of live stock. It was in 1901, he purchased a 320-acre farm in section 17, New Avon township. Two years later he erected thereon a splendid barn 28 by 48 feet, and an addition 16 by 48. On this farm he carried on general farming and made a specialty of feeding cattle for the market. In 1915 he sold this farm. A little later he purchased a good place of 240 acres in sections 35 and 36, Delhi township. His home in Redwood Falls is a sightly structure, overlooking the picturesque valley of the Redwood river. It was erected in 1894 and rebuilt in 1914, making it thoroughly modern in every respect. Mr. Werder is a leading man in the community. He, throughout his career, has been an active and capable man, assisting in many ways in the general progress and prosperity of the county. In addition to his real estate holdings, he is a stockholder in the Rowena Elevator Co., at Rowena, Minn. Fraternally he is a member of the A. O. U. W. Mr. Werder was married March 3, 1893, to Anna E. Kuenzli, born in Honner township, daughter of Bernhard and Marie Kuenzli, pioneers of Honner township. To this union have been born three children: Ethel, born October 28, 1894, was graduated from the Redwood Falls high school in June, 1914, and is now a student at Hamline University; Inez, born September 14, 1896, is now a student at Cornell College; an unnamed boy, was born November 3, 1899, and died the same day.

Jacob Werder, a pioneer, was born in Switzerland, and there married Anna Hauptli, also a native of that country. In 1869 they came to America, and directly to Redwood county, where they located on Crow Creek, in Paxton township three miles east of Redwood Falls. In 1872 they homesteaded a farm of 160 acres in section 23, in New Avon township. This tract was at that time all wild. He broke and developed the land, erected a home and suitable outbuildings, and started general farming on a small scale. Times were hard, and life was filled with toils and privations. But as time passed, his hard work gained success, and he became a prosperous and well-to-do citizen. Mrs. Werder died in 1897 at the age of fifty-four years. Mr. Werder then remained on the farm until 1903, when he retired and moved to Redwood Falls, where he now resides. He is the father of eleven children, of whom there are now living four. Herman G., of Redwood Falls; Louisa, now Mrs. John Kromer, of Bird Island, Renville county; Julia, now Mrs. Henry Sherman, living near Anoka, this state; and Ella, wife of Willard Krinke, a retired farmer of Blue Earth City, this state.

J. L. Thompson, a former mayor and postmaster of Redwood Falls, was born in Vermont, May 1, 1833, and in 1837 was taken

by his parents to New York state, where he was reared and educated. There, too, he married Martha Hartwell. The young couple came to this state in 1858 and located in Dakota county, where they lived until 1866, when they returned to New York state. There in 1873, the wife died. In 1877, Mr. Thompson again set his face westward, and located in Redwood Falls, where he engaged in the implement business. Arriving here in pioneer times he at once took an active part in the affairs of the village. He did efficient service as a member of the village council and for one term had the distinction of occupying the mayor's chair. During Cleveland's first administration he ably filled the position of postmaster. After a long and useful life filled with hard work and worthy accomplishment, he died in May, 1914, and is laid at rest in this village.

Charles D. Thompson, a well-known business man of Redwood Falls, was born in Dakota county, this state, March 27, 1859, son of J. L. and Martha (Hartwell) Thompson. He was about seven years old when he was taken back to his parents' old home in New York state, and there he was educated in the public schools, and later in the New York State Normal school at Brockport, teaching school summers and autumns and attending the Normal school during the winter terms. After graduating in 1877 he continued to teach school in that state for two years. In 1879 he came back to the state of his birth. For a time he taught school in Dakota county winters and worked in an implement store in New Richland, in Waseca county, summers. It was in 1882 that he came to Redwood Falls. Here, first with his father as a partner, and later alone, he engaged in the implement business until 1893, when he disposed of the establishment. Since then he has been engaged in selling musical instruments and equipment, such as pianos, phonographs, records, accessories and sheet music. He is also local agent for the Franklin and Jeffery automobiles. Fraternally, Mr. Thompson belongs to several organizations, but has taken his deepest interest in the I. O. O. F. He passed through the chairs of Redwood Lodge, No. 68, and through the chairs of the State Grand Encampment as well, serving a year as Grand Patriarch of Minnesota. He has also been a delegate from the State Grand Encampment to the Sovereign Grand Lodges at Philadelphia and San Francisco. Mr. Thompson was married December 13, 1882, to Lydia Farley, who was born November 1, 1864, daughter of Criss and Lois (Weed) Farley, of Iowa.

Charles W. Tiffany was born in Oneida county, New York, the son of Alanson Tiffany, a farmer of New York state, who was born in 1806, and died April 15, 1891, and of his wife, Anna K. (Rector) Tiffany, who was born in 1810 and died December 30, 1887. The youngest of ten children, six of whom are now living,

Charles W. Tiffany was reared to farm pursuits and received such education as the schools of his neighborhood afforded. He came to Redwood Falls in 1878 and engaged in the implement business for several years. In 1886 he secured 160 acres of land in section 33, Delhi township, where he successfully carried on general farming until 1894, when he retired and moved to Redwood Falls, where he now resides. He was married January 4, 1883, to Marcelia Nichols, born September 14, 1853, daughter of John Nichols, a farmer of New York, born in 1814, and died in 1876, and his wife, Margaret (Seaton) Nichols, born in 1828, and died September, 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Tiffany have one child, Smith N., born September 4, 1886, now of Aberdeen, S. D. He was married to Georgia Chatterton June 18, 1912, and has two boys: Robert C., born April 13, 1913, and Burton C., born September 6, 1914.

Joseph D. Winn, manufacturer and farmer, was born in Wells, Maine, October 14, 1821 and died February 10, 1905. He was reared in his native state, and attended the neighborhood schools. As a young man he engaged in the manufacture of bottles at Dayton, Ohio. From there he moved to Ironton, Sauk county, Wisconsin, where he was employed in the iron works. In 1870 he went to Minneapolis and worked in the foundry of the C., M. & St. P. Railway Co., until 1875. During this time, in 1871, he built a residence on the corner of First avenue and Thirteenth street, grubbing out the trees and bushes to make room for it. In 1876 he began the manufacturing of printers' furniture and mill furnishings over the Morrison Planing Mill at St. Anthony Falls. This mill burned in 1879 and he then moved to the Moulton Planing Mill on Hennepin Island, which he bought, continuing the same business until 1881, when he sold out. He was also associated with Charles Perry in the manufacturing of printers' supplies and electrotype foundry material. In 1881, however, he determined to adopt the life of a farmer. Accordingly he came to this county and purchased 160 acres in section 34, Redwood Falls township. Mr. Winn and his family were entirely without rural experience, and so unaccustomed were they to farm life, that they had to seek the help of their neighbors as to the proper way to harness a horse and the correct method of handling a plow. Their difficulties were increased by the fact that their funds were small, they had little to spend for hiring help or improving the farm, and the place they set about to develop was all wild land, surrounded by swamps. But with undaunted courage they overcame all these obstacles, working early and late, and finally by shrewd management and persistent effort winning success. Now the members of the family are among the most efficient farmers in the vicinity, and although they once had to seek advice about the simplest work, they are now

frequently approached by their neighbors as to their opinions of the values of various crops, and also as to their experience with the best methods of modern farming. Mr. Winn was married March 25, 1850, to Mary Jane Bean, born November 16, 1830, in Ossippee, New Hampshire, and died January 10 1910. She was reared by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Annible of Portsmouth, N. H. Mr. Annible was a railway conductor. Mr. and Mrs. Winn have had eleven children: William, Frank H., Joseph D., Jr. Clara and Ira all of whom died at Minneapolis; Harry A., Charles H., Alberta, Jennie and Ada, all of whom are living at home on the farm. George met his death in an accident on the farm in 1890, at the age of twenty-one years. In 1891 the sons, Harry A., Charles H., and George, took charge of the home farm consisting of 640 acres, all of section 34. In 1914 they divided the farm: Harry A. took 240 acres, Charles, the same amount, and the sisters received 160 acres.

Harry A. Winn, a prosperous farmer and well-known citizen, was born in Ironton, Wis., August 21, 1859, son of Joseph D. and Mary Jane (Bean) Winn, with whom he lived in various places before coming with them to Redwood county, in 1881. Here with his father and brothers, he set about to learn farming and to develop a substantial estate. When the estate was divided, he received 240 acres in section 34, on which he is now conducting general farming and stock raising. While he devoted his attention to various branches of agricultural endeavor, he has made a specialty of stock raising. He has fourteen registered Shorthorn cattle for dairy purposes, and also raised a large herd of cattle for the market, shipping about two carloads each year. He likewise raises some excellent swine, and ships about a carload each year. He is one of the few large owners of sheep in the county, feeding at times as many as 1,000 a year. A feature of the farm is the fact that 140 acres are devoted to clover. Five acres are set to fruit trees. Another important factor in the value of the farm is the fine grove set out in 1870, which now yields a good supply of fuel and lumber, 75,000 feet of lumber having been cut in the past thirty years in addition to a constant supply of fuel. Mr. Winn is one of the promoters of the Redwood County Rural Telephone Company and a stockholder of the Farmers' Elevator and Lumber Yard in Redwood Falls. He has served as treasurer of school district No. 63, for five years and his brother Charles H. has been director of same for five years. He is a member of the Presbyterian church. Externally he is a member of the A. O. U. W. and the M. B. A. Harry A. Winn was united in marriage June 21, 1890, to Emma J. McGregor, born June 24, 1869. They have had four children: Herbert A., born April 4, 1891, married March, 1915, to Opal Mosher, and now residing on his father's farm; Edgar, born

May 7, 1892; Helen, born July 5, 1894; Florence, deceased, and Harold, born October 8, 1904.

Hial D. Baldwin, banker, jurist and attorney, was born in Auburn, Cayuga county, New York, July 6, 1827, son of Horace and Ann Baldwin, both of English descent. He was educated in his native state, and in due time was admitted to the bar. He was at Stoughton, Wis., from 1857 to 1860, and then for several years practiced law in Waseca county, this state, in the meantime becoming interested in the hotel, mercantile and the banking business. In 1871 he came to Redwood Falls, and here opened a law office. His worth was at once recognized, and at various times he served in such positions as clerk of court, judge of probate, and county attorney. He was also judge of the Municipal court, and served as one of Redwood Falls' most honored majors. By appointment he occupied the bench of the Ninth Judicial District, and made a most admirable judge. Aside from his legal practice, during which he handled much important litigation, Mr. Baldwin was much interested in banking. He became interested in the old Redwood County Bank, was one of the factors in making it a state bank, and later in making it a national bank, and served as one of the officers of the institution for many years, the present name of the institution being the First National Bank of Redwood Falls. Judge Baldwin was married in 1852 to Angeline O. Marvin, of Lysander, Onondaga county, New York, the daughter of Stephen Marvin.

Herbert A. Baldwin, president of the First National Bank of Redwood Falls, is one of the most active factors in the efforts which have made Redwood Falls one of the best known of Minnesota's smaller municipalities. A thorough believer in the future of the city and county, he is ever ready to lend his hand to any good cause which has the betterment or progress of the city and county in view. His influence is strong with all classes throughout the community, and he is ever ready to use that influence in behalf of whatever he believed to be right and of advantage to the people. A ready orator, his services as a speaker are in demand on every occasion, and his genial welcome of visitors to the city has done much to increase the high repute in which the city is held. A man of unusual business ability, and one who has achieved a full measure of success, he is nevertheless democratic and approachable, and his delightful personality has had its influence on all with whom he has come in contact. Mr. Baldwin is one of the native sons of Minnesota, his birth having occurred in Waseca county, February 22, 1865. When a child of six years, he was brought to Redwood Falls by his parents, Hon. H. D. and Augusta Baldwin. Here he attended the public schools and later the high school and on laying aside his text-books he entered upon his business career. Realizing how

essential is physical development to the successful business man, he spent eighteen months in work upon a farm, in order that he might expand his lungs and strengthen his muscles, thus preparing for the closer confinement of commercial life. In connection with his father he then embarked in the grocery trade, under the firm style of H. D. Baldwin & Son, spending three years in a mercantile career, after which he entered the high school in order to further add to his education. His next business service was in connection with the Redwood County Bank. He started as messenger boy, and by earnest devotion to his duty, won steady promotion until he became cashier, a position he retained after the bank became a State bank, and still later after the bank became a National bank. In 1910 he assumed the duties of his present position as president. He is also connected with several other banks, being president of the Security State Bank, of North Redwood, and vice president of the State Institution for Savings, at Minneapolis, as well as vice president of the Minnesota Fire Insurance Company, at Chatfield, Minn. For nearly three decades he has been treasurer of Redwood Falls. In addition to his financial interests he is an extensive holder of real estate. He has also been interested in the hotel business. He has passed through the chairs of the Knights of Pythias; is a member of the I. O. O. F. He has been an active patron of such local interests as the park system, the Commercial club, and the Armory, and is connected with numerous boards and committees. Mr. Baldwin was married January 8, 1887, to Eva F. Martin, born in 1861, daughter of George W. and Eliza J. (Clements). Mr. Martin is a retired farmer of Redwood Falls, Minn., and a pioneer of Dakota county, Minn., who came to Renville, Minn., in 1883, and to Redwood in 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin have four children: Dean, born March 12, 1890, who has been a student of the high school of Redwood Falls, Carleton College and the Winona State Normal school; Vean, born March 12, 1890 a graduate of the high school and Carleton College and now a teacher; Clinton H., born September 10, 1892, a student in the law department of the University of Minnesota; and Marjorie E., born December 13, 1900, a student of the Redwood Falls high school.

Donald Stewart, a sturdy pioneer of Redwood county, was born in Campbellton, Scotland, May 1, 1834, son of Hugh and Annie (McLean) Stewart. The family came to Canada when Donald was a boy. There they lived for a number of years. From there in 1856 Donald Stewart and his brothers, Archibald, Andrew, and John, came to Wabasha county, this state. It is worthy of note that all of these four brothers afterwards came to Redwood county and all became prominent and prosperous citizens, Andrew being the only one of the four who is now

living. Donald Stewart arrived in Redwood county in the fall of 1871, and secured a half section of land in sections 10 and 15, Redwood Falls township. His first building was a frame shanty 16 by 24 feet, which, in later years, was converted into a granary. Beginning to farm on a small scale and gradually breaking more and more of his land, Mr. Stewart in time obtained unusual prosperity. Of sturdy Scotch principles he early espoused the prohibition cause and fought hard for his belief in the days when temperance was not so popular as it is at the present time. At one time he was a candidate for the legislature. A thorough believer in education, he served for some years as a school director. It is worthy of note that Mr. Stewart specialized in the dairy business at the time when many others believed that this county was more adapted to the feeding and shipping of stock and would never become a leading cow district. His active life was brought to an untimely end July 2, 1896, when he was killed in a runaway accident. Mr. Stewart was married in London, Canada, July 1, 1861, going back to Canada from his farm in Wabasha county to claim his bride. His wife Catherine (Watson), was born in Scotland, June 1, 1833, came to Canada as a girl, lived with her husband some ten years in Wabasha county, came to Redwood county with him, was an admirable helpmate in all his endeavors and survived her husband by three years, dying October 30, 1899. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were the parents of eight children: Annie L., is the wife of Andrew D. Smith, of Paxton township, Redwood county, Minnesota; Andrew D., is a farmer of Redwood Falls township, Redwood county; Margaret, of Seattle, Wash.; Robert, of Redwood Falls township; Archie, deceased; Belle, now Mrs. W. J. McDonald, of Walnut Grove, Redwood county; John, of Medford, Minn.; Catherine, now Mrs. Francis Pollard of Morgan, Redwood county.

John C. Smith, for many years a prominent farmer and dairyman of Winnebago, Ill., was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1832, came to America in 1851 traveled about for a while and in 1859 purchased land near Winnebago, Ill., where he devoted his time to grain raising and dairying. He was a stock holder in the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and the Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Company of that place, as well as secretary and director of the Winnebago Farmers' Co-operative Creamery. In politics he was a Republican, later working in the ranks of the Prohibition party. After a useful life he died in April, 1913. John C. Smith was married in 1858 in Illinois to Jean McNair, who was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1834, and died in Illinois in 1909. In the family there were seven children: James M., of Illinois; Andrew D., of Redwood county, Minn.; Annie J., wife of George Bridgland, of Illinois; Elizabeth C., wife of David Greenlees, of Sidney, Australia; Martha,



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of Illinois; Jesse (deceased), wife of Dr. William R. Bagley of Duluth, Minn., and David of Illinois.

Andrew D. Smith, a well-to-do and prosperous farmer of Paxton township, was born in Winnebago county, Illinois, October 27, 1861, son of John C. and Jean (McNair) Smith, natives of Scotland. He was reared on the home farm in Illinois, worked with his father for a number of years and also learned the carpenter trade. His district school education was supplemented with a course of study in a private school in 1884. While still pursuing his work on the home farm he devoted the winters of 1885, 1886 and 1887 to teaching school. It was in 1888 that he came to Redwood county and taught school at the historic old school house in the Wabasha Creek valley. In the winter of 1889 and 1890, he taught in district forty-seven. In the meantime, in 1889, he bought one hundred and sixty acres in section 7, Paxton township, thus forming the nucleus of his present splendid place of two hundred and twenty-two acres. On this farm, Mr. Smith conducts general agricultural operations along the latest approved lines. He makes a specialty of raising a good grade of stock, possesses a good herd of Jersey cattle, and a good flock of Shropshire sheep. The value of his farm is further enhanced by a big grove. The residence, surrounded by a wide lawn, was erected in 1900, and is a modern eight-room dwelling. In addition to this he has erected barns, machine and carriage sheds, granary and other suitable buildings, has fenced and tiled the farm and has purchased a splendid supply of tools, implements and machinery. Aside from his farm holdings, he is a stockholder in the Farmers' Elevator of Redwood Falls, and also in the Redwood Falls Rural Telephone Company. He has served as chairman of the town board and also as assessor. A Prohibitionist in politics, he has been chairman of the county organization for some years. He and his family are devout members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Smith was married August 15, 1889, to Annie L. Stewart, who was born in Wabasha county, December 1, 1862, daughter of Donald and Catherine (Watson) Stewart, and this union has been blessed with eight children: Donald S., Elizabeth C., Martha, John C., Esther, Jean, Dorothy, and Lucius B. Donald S. was born January 6, 1891, graduated from the Redwood Falls high school, married Irma Mace, January 1, 1913, has two children: Helen A., born November 10, 1913, and Irwin M., born August 5, 1916, and farms in Redwood Falls township. Elizabeth C. was born September 17, 1892, graduated from the Redwood Falls high school and Park College, Parkville, Missouri, with the degree of B. A., and now teaches school. Martha was born March 20, 1895, died March 5, 1897. John C. was born March 29, 1897, and will graduate in 1917 from Park College. Esther, born June 21, 1899, and Jean,

born August 3, 1901, are students at Redwood Falls high school. Dorothy, born February 7, 1904 attends the graded school in Redwood Falls. Lucius B. was born March 2, 1906, and died March 27, 1907.

William D. Flinn, M. D., was born in Ireland, in 1842, and as an infant, was brought by his parents to Auburn, New York, where they lived until he was some eight or nine years old, then coming to Dodge county, Wisconsin, and locating on a farm near Columbus. He was but nineteen years of age, when, upon August 14, 1862, he enlisted in the 23rd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. On being mustered out, July 4, 1865, he entered Rush Medical College, at Chicago, from which he was graduated with high honors in 1868. With the ink scarcely dry on his diploma, he opened an office in Elysian, Le Sueur county, this state. In the fall of 1870, he came to Redwood Falls and began his remarkable career here. Under Governor A. R. McGill, he was president of the State Board of Medical Examiners, and remained a member of that body the full period allowed by law. He was appointed United States pension examiner for this district shortly after his arrival, and with the exception of the eight years of Grover Cleveland's administrations, served in this capacity until his death. He was consulting physician of the Minneapolis & St. Louis. Dr. Flinn declined to serve in political office. In the early days he served for a while as county superintendent of schools, and at one time he was prominently mentioned as a candidate for the state senate, though he felt that he could not become a candidate on account of his large practice. Dr. Flinn died November 22, 1897. He was stricken at the office of the Redwood Gazette, October 21, and the best of medical attention was unable to save him. William D. Flinn was married in 1870, to Mary Brainerd, of Danville, Wis., to which union there were born five children. Of these, two, Thomas and Brainerd, are living. Thomas is a practicing physician at Redwood Falls and Brainerd is a student at the Rush Medical College, Chicago.

Thomas E. Flinn, M. D., was born May 27, 1884, in Redwood Falls, Minn., son of William D. and Mary L. (Brainerd) Flinn. He graduated from the Macalaster Preparatory Academy and Macalaster College with the degree of A. B., in 1905, and from the Rush Medical College with the degree of M. D., in 1909, and during the next two years devoted his life to work as an interne in various Chicago hospitals. Since then he has been in practice in Redwood Falls, Dr. G. R. Pease being his partner. Dr. Flinn was married October 4, 1911, to Lucy M. Hyslop, born November 4, 1885, daughter of John Hyslop, a farmer who died in 1897, at the age of sixty-five, and his wife, Lucy (Kelly) Hyslop, who now lives in Chester, Minn. Mr. and Mrs. Flinn

have three children: Mary, born August 8, 1912; Thomas, born November 15, 1914, and John, born March 7, 1915.

Giles E. Pease, M. D., is the dean of the medical profession in Redwood county, having been in practice here since 1887. He was born in Michigan, November 16, 1861, and after receiving his preliminary education, entered the medical department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, from which he was graduated in 1885. For a time he practiced at Madison, Minn. In the spring of 1887 he came to this county and established his practice. In December, 1911, he formed a partnership with Dr. Thomas E. Flinn, a partnership which has since continued. In 1915 the doctors erected a splendid hospital, known as the Redwood Falls Hospital, in which both now maintain their offices. Dr. Pease has been health officer of the city and coroner of the county and has also done efficient service on the city council.

Thomas D. Barber, now deceased, was born in Perth, Ontario, Canada, January 8, 1849, son of William and Mary (Dodds) Barber, the former of whom came to Vesta township, this county, in 1872, and died in 1873. Thomas D. Barber came to Vesta township with his father, and took a homestead on section 6, where he developed a fine farm, and where he successfully carried on agricultural operations for many years. He is regarded as one of the real pioneers of the region. As town clerk he did efficient service for twenty years, and for a similiar period was director of the school district of his neighborhood, which he assisted in organizing. He also took an active part in the affairs of the Brethren church. In 1902 he retired and moved to the village of Vesta, where he died February 9, 1912. In the fall following his death, his family moved to Redwood Falls, where they have since resided. Mr. Barber was married December 15, 1875, to Sophia A. Garry, who was born August 29, 1858, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Dearborn) Garry. John Garry settled in Lyon county, this state, in 1874, and later went to Cottonwood county, where he died at the age of eighty-four years. His wife died in 1861 at the age of forty. Mr. and Mrs. Barber had ten children: William J., proprietor of the garage at Vesta; Elizabeth Gertrude, now Mrs. Albert Becker, wife of a harness dealer at Wood Lake; May A., now Mrs. Arthur Athey, wife of a traveling salesman, of Redwood Falls; Lester A., farmer at Saskatchewan, Canada; Raymond T., a farmer of Saskatchewan, Canada; Florence E., now Mrs. G. L. Crooks, whose husband is manager of the elevator at Vesta, Minn.; Stanley J., proprietor of a barbershop at Vesta; Winnie, who died in infancy; Ruth Alzina, student at the Mankato State Normal School and later teacher in Redwood county, and Jeanette L., student at the Redwood high school.

B. James Reynolds, an expert civil engineer, is a splendid example of the success which may be won by a young man of pluck and energy and a determination to make the most of every opportunity. In Redwood county his name is inseparably connected with the extensive ditching project which is making the county known throughout the state. Mr. Reynolds was born in London, May 25, 1879, son of Bion and Fanny (Fletcher) Reynolds. He came to Western Canada in 1898, and engaged in farming near Indian Head, Saskatchewan. Later he became accountant and experimentalist at the government experiment station at Indian Head. In May, 1910, he came to Redwood county as superintendent of the Sears-Gold farms. For some years he studied civil engineering with the International Correspondence Schools, and in 1912, took up the practice of that profession. He has been unusually successful, and is now doing much of the drainage work of the county, employing four assistants, all of whom are college graduates. Mr. Reynolds is a member of the Masonic and Knights of Pythias lodges. The family faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was married July 12, 1916, to Abigail Peavoy, daughter of Thomas and Mary Ellen (Kenney) Peavoy, whose farm is situated within the city limits of Redwood Falls. Bion Reynolds, father of B. James Reynolds, was a man of extensive education, having received his degree of M. A. at Cambridge University. In that university and in London, he taught mathematics for twenty-five years. In 1904 he came to Indian Head, Saskatchewan, Canada, to live with his son, and died in 1909 at the age of sixty-eight years. His wife, the mother of B. James Reynolds, died in 1894, at the age of fifty-five years.

L. P. Larson, the efficient auditor of Redwood county, was born in Denmark, October 10, 1870, son of Hans and Sophia Larson, the former of whom is still living in that country at the age of seventy-two years, and the latter of whom died in 1891 at the age of forty-five years. The subject of this sketch was reared and educated in his native land, and at the age of twenty years came to America in 1890 to take up his home with an uncle in Brookville township, this county. With this uncle he remained for several winters, in the meantime working during the agricultural season with various farmers of the neighborhood. It was in December, 1892, that disaster overtook Mr. Larson, and changed the course of his life. Struck by a railroad train he was so badly injured as to necessitate the amputation of his right arm at the shoulder. Thus incapacitated for farm work, the young man pluckily determined to secure an education, and so insure for himself a life of usefulness. Accordingly, poor in purse, handicapped by his misfortune, with little knowledge of the English language, he entered Wilder College, at Wilder, Minnesota, an institution



which has since closed its doors. By industry, perseverance, undaunted courage, and the strictest self-denial, he completed his course in the spring of 1897. With this preparation he spent two years in an insurance office at Walnut Grove. Here he accumulated a little money, and was thus enabled in 1899 to purchase 80 acres of land in section 20, Johnsonville township. In 1902 he became deputy county auditor, and was elected auditor in 1906, since which time he has held the office continuously by successful re-elections, his present term expiring on January 1, 1919. Mr. Larson is a genial, affable gentleman, widely known and honored, and his conduct of the arduous duties of the auditor's office has met with wide favor. In spite of the constantly increasing work of the office, with its rapidly added cares and responsibilities, he has shouldered the burden cheerfully, and has met with ability every new problem that has presented itself. Mr. Larson has a beautiful home on the banks of Lake Redwood, and his yard, bordering on the lake, is fast taking on the aspect of a sightly private park. On November 22, 1899, Mr. Larson was married to Mae M. Smith and took his bride to his farm. She was born May 8, 1876, daughter of Erastus Smith, a well-known farmer of Cottonwood county, who died in 1897 at the age of sixty-eight years. Her mother, Mrs. Mattie Smith, now lives at Proctor, Minn., and she was born in 1850. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Larson; Verda C., born July 25, 1900; Vern, born Jan. 10, 1902; John, born Nov. 16, 1903; Bernice, born Oct. 29, 1905; Marguerite, born March 18, 1907; and Dorothy, born Dec. 6, 1908. In April and May of 1915, Mr. and Mrs. Larson made an extended trip to the Pacific coast, and visited the two Expositions taking place there at that time.

W. Burrell Clement, one of the most popular young men of Redwood Falls, has lived here some eleven years, and during that time has established for himself an enviable position in the community. His genial personality, his straightforward character, and his business ability, have made him an important influence in the life of the city and county. Lieutenant Clement was born in Racine, Wis., July 16, 1884, son of William H. and Elizabeth (Bull) Clement. After passing through the graded schools and attending the Conrad (Iowa) high school, he entered Cornell College, at Mt. Vernon, Iowa, later attending the Central Iowa Business College at Marshalltown, Iowa. Thus prepared, he became bookkeeper and stenographer at the Iowa Soldiers' Home at Marshalltown. In July, 1905, he came to Redwood Falls, as stenographer for the First National Bank. After a few months he was promoted to assistant cashier, and some three years later he became the cashier. In this position he served with credit and ability for some three years. Then he resigned,

and bought the insurance agency of J. B. Robinson, which had been established in Redwood Falls in the early days. On September 1, 1914, he sold the agency to A. E. King, retaining, however, the life insurance business. As district agent for the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co. of Newark, N. J., his district covers eight counties. For some months he was connected with H. M. Hitchcock & Co., dealers in drugs, stationery and optical goods. Lieutenant Clement, at the time of going to press (October 1, 1916) is on the Texas border with his regiment. He became a member of Company L, M. N. G., in 1908, and was commissioned first lieutenant in July, 1913, an office he still retains. He has proven a most efficient soldier and officer, and is popular with officers and privates alike. Fraternally, Lieutenant Clement is a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Masonic Order. The family faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Clement was married August 3, 1910, to Gretchen Hitchcock, born December 13, 1884, daughter of H. M. Hitchcock. They have two children, Katherine Ruth, born April 6, 1913, and Margaret Louise, born October 30, 1915. Rev. William H. Clement, father of W. Burrell Clement, was born in Geneseo, N. Y., and was there reared. Coming to Racine, Wis., as a young man, he secured employment as an iron moulder. Later he worked as a gold miner in the Black Hills. Subsequently he turned his attention to religious work as a Y. M. C. A. worker. In 1889 he became a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal church as a member of the Upper Iowa Conference, and preached in various places, including Minneapolis.

Jacob Schmahl was among those early German pioneers to settle in the Minnesota Valley. He was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, in 1817, a descendant of one of the early families to settle in the Middle Palatinate, from which family there sprang Lorentz Schmahl, Adam Schmahl and Wentz Schmahl, who, on September 2, 1743, sailed on the ship *Loyal Judith*, Capt. James Cowey, master, from Rotterdam, last from Cowes, for American shores, the former settling on a farm six miles from York, Pa., where he pursued assiduously and successfully his calling to the close of his life, leaving four sons, John, Kilain and Lawrence. Of this branch of the Schmahl family, it is remarkable that it required only one generation to reduce the name to plain "Small." Jacob, when young, moved to Baltimore, and his son, Col. Jacob Small, was mayor of the city for a time following the revolutionary war. John Schmahl moved to and settled in Beaver county, Pa., and Kilain and Lawrence remained in York. From the former the greater part of the numerous Smalls in York county descended. Of the other members of the Schmahl family to settle and grow up on the Middle Palatinate, it appears that they remained in Germany until long

after the Revolutionary period. Certain it is that the head of the Traverse des Sioux family did not come to the United States until after 1837, and romance has it that he followed the girl who was to be his future wife to this country, he having met her before she left Mainz, Germany, accompanied by her father, for this country. He came to Galena, Ill., and thence to St. Paul, where he again met the girl of his first choice, Roset Apfel, and shortly afterwards they were united in wedlock. It was about this time that Jacob Schmahl fell in with those sturdy Minnesota pioneers and boomers—Sibley, Rice, Becker, Flandrau, and many others identified with the early history of the state. Politically, he and they were Democrats, he, probably, through following in the paths of those active men of the territory, and it was by their advice that he and his bride moved to Traverse des Sioux, in the hopes that ere long the capital of the state would be moved to that point, or a point near that famous crossing of the Sioux. Thither they went, at least, and engaged in the hotel business, and at their stopping place many of the prominent men of early days put up for the night on their journeys up and down the river. Here, too, occurred frequent payments of Indian annuities. When the St. Peter Townsite Company collapsed, as a result of the theft of the capitol removal bill, after the same had passed both houses of the legislature, by Hon. Joseph Rolette, chairman of the committee on enrollment, the Schmahl family moved west to a farm three miles east of Ft. Ridgely. When the Indian outbreak of 1862 occurred the family was the last to enter the fort, Colonel Sheehan's company returning from Glencoe, forcing the family in against its will, both Mr. and Mrs. Schmahl believing that no danger would result by their remaining in the farm home. During the eleven days' residence in the fort Jacob Schmahl had a leg injured, and was unable to give much assistance to the men fighting against the Indian foe. Following the defeat of the Indians the family returned to their home east of the fort, and finding it nearly destroyed, their household effects demolished or stolen, their wearing apparel all gone, they returned to Traverse des Sioux, where they remained until 1870, when, by team and by foot, they moved to Redwood Falls. Here Jacob Schmahl engaged in the brewery business, and for a time conducted a saloon as an adjunct to the same, in neither of which did he meet with success. Following the destruction of the family home in 1876, Mr. Schmahl moved to Canby, Minn., leaving his family at Redwood Falls, and at Canby he again commenced the brewery business, with but little success. Early settlers of the Minnesota Valley between Redwood Falls and Lac qui Parle will recall him bringing beer to the farm houses and towns along the way, and referring to it as "Schmahl's Best." Following the abandonment of his venture at Canby he

gave up active business for himself, and was employed at various occupations at Fargo and Casselton, N. D., and at the latter place he had one hand so seriously injured by the kick from a horse that amputation was necessary. After this he returned to Redwood Falls, where he resided up to a few months prior to his death, he having gone to St. Alexander's hospital, New Ulm, where he passed away in September of 1906. Mr. Schmahl was the father of ten children, six of whom are still living at the time of the publication of this history. The four who have passed away are Phillip, who died in infancy, Julia Schmahl Jaehning, Emil and Otto Schmahl. The six surviving children are Mrs. Matilda Schmahl Liebenguth, Alexander C. Schmahl, Teckla Schmahl Wingett, Herman G. Schmahl, Julius A. Schmahl and Charlotte Schmahl Palmer.

Alexander C. Schmahl is a tinner and hardware man by trade. Early in life he was apprenticed to a New Ulm hardware merchant, and after spending several years in New Ulm, he returned to Redwood Falls, and worked as a tinner in various stores up to the time that the firm of Schmahl & Jaehnings was organized, when he became the senior member of that hardware firm, he continuing as such until his health became impaired, and he was obliged to retire, closing out his interests to Jaehning Bros. After spending some time in farm life he took up his residence in the city, where he still resides, and is employed at various times by Jaehning Bros. He was married to Mary Dittman and they have no children.

Herman Germonicus Schmahl was the second son born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schmahl, and came to Redwood Falls from Traverse des Sioux in 1870. His first years were spent in doing such work as possible and going to school. He herded cattle for one or more seasons, and then entered the employ of E. E. Harriott, publisher of the Redwood Gazette. It was there that he acquired a thorough knowledge of the printing business. Later he found employment in the store of Philbrick & Francois, and when that firm dissolved he became a member of the firm of Francois & Co., general merchants at Redwood Falls. With the death of C. A. Francois the firm changed its name to Francois & Schmahl, and a few years ago Mr. Schmahl became the sole owner of the business under the name of H. G. Schmahl & Co. The firm conducts one of the largest general merchandise stores in the Minnesota valley. Mr. Schmahl was married to Carrie Porter, who passed away in 1912, and he is the father of one child, Irma Schmahl.

Julius August Schmahl, secretary of state of Minnesota at the time that this history was being written, first saw the light of day at Traverse des Sioux, Nicollet county, Minnesota, on August 1, 1867. Three years later his parents moved to Redwood Falls,

then a frontier town of Minnesota, and the transportation to which at that time was made either by foot or by horse or ox team over unusually rough roads. He was one of a family of ten children, one sister alone being his junior in the family. His school years were spent in the town, but when he was six years old he, with an elder brother, were obliged to spend the summers in herding cattle and doing such other labor as would assist the mother in caring for her family. Later, for three years, he herded cattle on the prairies of Swedes Forest, Vesta and other townships of the county, boarding at the homes of John Rucker, James Durnall, Harvey Wingett and Thos. D. Barber. When twelve years old he entered the printing office of the Redwood Gazette, under James Aiken, and worked at the printer's trade in that office for over two years. He then went to Fargo, where he was employed in the Fargo Argus job printing office for more than two years. Returning to Minnesota he worked at the trade for a time in St. Paul, and finally returned to Redwood Falls to work in the office of the Redwood Reveille. It was while employed in that office that he became a member of a local chaquetaqua circle, and continued the course of reading prescribed by that circle for the full term of four years, and Mr. Schmahl points to that system of education as being responsible for his after advancement in life. From 1885 to 1892 he was engaged in reporting for the Minneapolis Journal, Tribune, and Times, and for the St. Paul Globe, Pioneer Press, and News, spending three years of that time as the political and capitol reporter on one or more of the papers. On August 1, 1892, with Herbert V. Ruter, he returned to Redwood Falls, and the two purchased the plant of the Redwood Gazette from James Aiken, changing the paper from a four-page patent inside paper to an eight-page all-home print. The partnership continued for a period of fifteen months, when Mr. Ruter retired and James Aiken again returned to the plant, the new firm being known as Aiken & Schmahl. Mr. Schmahl was elected chief clerk of the house of representatives of the Minnesota legislature in 1901, re-elected at the extra session of 1902, and the regular sessions of 1903 and 1905. His acquaintance grew from session to session and on January 15, 1906, he announced that he would be a candidate for the Republican nomination for secretary of state. This was in the old convention days, and on June 13, 1906, at the Republican state convention held in Duluth, he was nominated on the second ballot, in a field of nine candidates, he receiving 703 votes, or nearly 200 more than the required number. He was elected the following November, and on December 1, 1906, he announced his retirement from the Gazette firm, closing out his interests to his partner, James Aiken, and shortly afterwards Mr. Schmahl and family moved to St. Paul to take up his official residence.

He was re-nominated by two succeeding conventions, and again at the state wide primaries of 1912, 1914 and 1916, as the choice of his party for secretary of state, being elected at each succeeding election in the following November, and with the expiration of the term commencing January 2, 1917, he will have held the office continuously for twelve years. Mr. Schmahl was married to Elizabeth T. Dunnington, at Redwood Falls, on February 20, 1895, and one son was born to them, Dana C. Schmahl, now a lieutenant with the First Minnesota Field Artillery. Mrs. Schmahl passed away on February 6, 1914, and Mr. Schmahl has since been married to Minerva B. Fowlds of Brooten, Stearns county.

E. A. Lyman, the pioneer, came to Minnesota from Wisconsin, in 1865. In 1868 he located in Redwood Falls and at once identified himself with the life of the community. As a teamster he made many trips between Redwood Falls and St. Peter and New Ulm, and he also did considerable trucking for various pioneer enterprises as well as for many of the old settlers. To him belongs the credit of owning one of the first threshing machines of the county. After a long career, filled with busy work and successful endeavor, he moved, in 1900, to Zephyr Hills, Florida, where he now resides. His wife, Clara A. Pryor, died in 1889, at the age of seventy. In the family there were three children: Alice, wife of R. E. Anderson, a Presbyterian clergyman of Onarga, Ill.; Ellen C., the wife of M. Yingling, a retired business man of New Comerstown, Ohio, and E. A., Jr., a prominent dentist of Redwood Falls.

E. A. Lyman, Jr., D. D. S., one of the leading men of Redwood Falls, was born in Zumbro Falls, Minnesota, April 21, 1867, son of E. A. and Clara A. (Pryor) Lyman. After passing through the common schools, he was graduated from the Moorehead high school in 1882. Early becoming interested in dentistry, he spent two years in a dental office in Moorehead, and later entered the dental department of the St. Paul Medical college, from which he was graduated in 1888. Since 1889 he has been in the practice of his profession at Redwood Falls. A thirty-second degree Mason, he has passed through the Blue lodge, Chapter, Commandery at Redwood Falls, being past commander of Redwood Falls Commandery, No. 15, Knights Templar. He also belongs to the Winona Consistory, No. 4, and to Osmund Temple, No. 4 at St. Paul. He has been a public spirited citizen, has served on various committees, and was a member of the fire department from 1890 to 1913. He was married December 5, 1889, to Blanch S. French, daughter of E. D. French and Sarah (Johnson) French. Mr. French was a dealer in real estate, served as judge of probate and was revenue collector at St. Cloud. Dr. and Mrs. Lyman have four children: Ruth, Mrs. R. A. Cooper; E. D., a bookkeeper at the State Bank of Redwood Falls; Susan, Mrs.

Ed. Lund, wife of a farmer at Walnut Grove, and Berna, at home.

Alfred C. Dolliff, attorney-at-law, and special judge of the Redwood Falls municipal court, was born in Oldtown, Me., September 30, 1874, son of Lucius P. and Mary (Gould) Dolliff, and was reared in his native state and in Minnesota. After receiving the necessary preliminary education he entered Carleton college, at Northfield, Minn., and after studying there three years entered the University of Minnesota. Upon graduating from the law department of that university, June 7, 1895, he was admitted to the bar, and a few months later, on September 4, 1895, he took up his residence in Redwood Falls, where he has since been in the active practice of his profession. He is one of the leading attorneys of the county and has been concerned in considerable important litigation. For several years he was city attorney. As a progressive Republican, he has been active in public life, and during the Republican campaign of 1906 did efficient work as chairman of the Republican county committee. At college, Mr. Dolliff was admitted to membership in the Delta Chi fraternity. For many years he has been a member of the State Bar Association. As a loyal citizen he is an active member of the Commercial club. For some years he was lieutenant of Co. C, Second Minn., M. N. G. His fraternal affiliations are with the A. F. & A. M. and the Knights of Pythias, and in the local lodge of the latter order he has occupied all the chairs. Mr. Dolliff was married November 25, 1895, to Lulu V. Porter, born November 16, 1873, daughter of Richard and Harriet Porter. Mr. and Mrs. Dolliff have one son, Roger P., born February 17, 1897. Mrs. Dolliff, who is a graduate of the Decatur (Indiana) high school, taught school in Indiana for a while and was later a teacher in the Redwood Falls schools. Lucius P. Dolliff, father of Attorney Alfred C. Dolliff, was born in Maine, and was there married. Later in life he went to northern Wisconsin, and there remained until 1884, when he moved to Minneapolis, where he was joined by his family who came directly from Maine. In 1885 he moved to Wood Lake, this state, and there remained for several years. In 1892 he again took up the lumber business in Minneapolis and there he still makes his home.

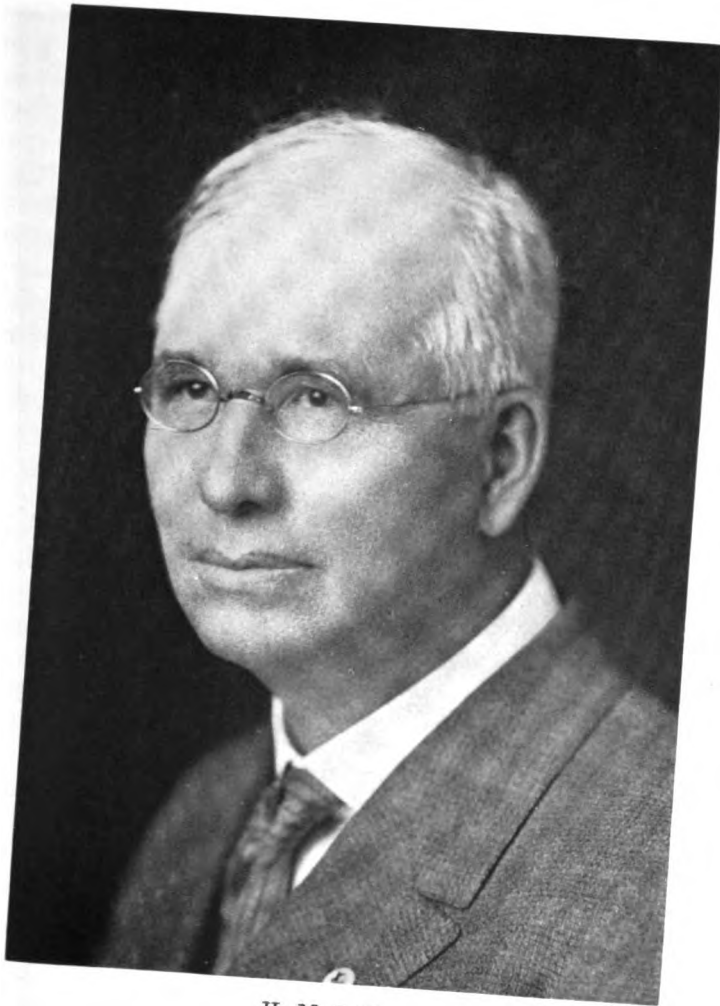
Carl August Herman Laudon, a pioneer, was born in Sagast, Germany, October 2, 1843, and was there reared and educated. In 1868 he came to America with his parents and located in Olmsted county, this state. From there, in 1871, he came to Redwood county, and purchased 200 acres of land in section 23, Sherman township, where he successfully farmed for many years. He died January 6, 1914. His wife, Frida W. Turban, was born in Germany, June 5, 1848, and came to America to be married in June 1871. She died August 26, 1897. In the family there

were eight children. Mr. Laudon was a prominent man in his township and served for many years in such positions as town clerk, supervisor and assessor.

Alfred R. A. Laudon, judge of probate, was born in Sherman township, this county, January 7, 1875, son of Herman and Frida W. (Turban) Laudon, and was reared to farm pursuits. He received his preliminary education in the schools of the county and was for a time employed as a teacher near Wabasso. Subsequently he attended the Northern Illinois College of Law, at Dixon, Ill., and also studied law with Judge Joseph Chadderdon, of Redwood Falls, being admitted to the bar in 1900. Since then he has been in the continuous practice of his profession in Redwood Falls, and has appeared in a number of important cases. His public work includes service as city recorder, clerk of the municipal court and judge of the municipal court. In the fall of 1910 he was elected judge of probate, and in that position, by re-election, he is still efficiently serving. His fraternal affiliation is with the Knights of Pythias, in the local lodge of which he has passed through all the chairs. August 24, 1902, he was married to Florence A. Baker, born July 10, 1881, daughter of John S. and Hannah M. (South) Baker. John S. Baker, a retired farmer of Redwood Falls, and a veteran of the Fourth Wisconsin Cavalry, died February 21, 1913, at the age of seventy years. Mr. and Mrs. Laudon have two children: Lowell R., born March 4, 1905; Frida M., born March 11, 1913.

William S. Ball, Civil war veteran and pioneer, was born in New York state in 1825. He was there reared, and learned the carpenter and joiner's trade. He married Emily Griswold, who bore him six children, and in 1855 he brought the family westward to Wisconsin, where he lived for a number of years in Fond du Lac county. His wife died in 1866 at the age of thirty-five years, and sometime later he returned to Pennsylvania, where he died in 1897. During the Civil war, he served two and a half years as a private in Co. A, Second Wisconsin Cavalry, being honorably discharged at the expiration of this time as the result of disability acquired in service. Some years later he was granted a pension, which continued until the time of his death.

Halbert M. Ball, financier, man-of-affairs, and leading citizen of Morgan, has been prominent in the public life of two counties, and is now president of the State Bank of Morgan, an institution with which he has been connected since its organization. He was born in Chemung county, New York, March 1, 1849, one of the six children of William S. and Emily (Griswold) Ball, both descended from sturdy York state stock. As a boy, in 1855, he was brought to Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, and was still of tender years when he lost his mother. At the age of sixteen he started out for himself. He was eighteen years old when he



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came to Minnesota and located in Brown county, where, after learning the carpenters' trade, he followed building and contracting until 1880. Then he bought 160 acres in Eden township, in that county, and started farming. There he built up a good place, increased his holdings to 300 acres, and successfully carried on general farming and stockraising for many years. During this period he served six years as county commissioner of Brown county and his efficient work in this capacity is still remembered by the people of that county. It was in 1892 that he came to Redwood county. A year later he assisted in organizing the State Bank of Morgan. When this bank opened its doors he was cashier and general manager, a position he retained until 1913, when he assumed the duties of his present position. His personality has built up the bank into a successful, solid institution which has been an important factor in the upbuilding of the village and the surrounding rural community. An ardent Republican in politics, Mr. Ball has served as a member of the Redwood county Republican central committee. Fraternally, Mr. Ball is associated with the A. F. & A. M. and the I. O. O. F. His religious affiliation is with the Morgan Presbyterian church, of which he is a trustee. Mr. Ball was married April 2, 1874, to Augusta Hartwick, born in Newark, N. J., and this union has been blessed with five children, Elizabeth M., William H., Walter, Myrtle and Stella, who died at the age of two years.

William H. Ball, cashier of the State Bank of Morgan, was born in Brown county, this state, January 17, 1877, son of Halbert M. and Augusta (Hartwick) Ball. He attended the schools of Brown and Redwood counties, studied in Hamline University two years, and in 1901 graduated from the dental department of the University of Minnesota. Thus prepared, he opened an office at Chatfield, in this state, where he successfully practiced for ten years. In 1911, however, he reluctantly abandoned his chosen profession to share with his father the increasing burdens of the growing State Bank of Morgan. While working as bookkeeper in the institution he acquired a thorough knowledge of the business, and in 1913 became assistant cashier. His ability in this work was at once apparent, and in 1914 he became cashier, a position he still holds. Mr. Ball is of a sociable, approachable disposition, and has passed through the chairs of the I. O. O. F. at Morgan and the A. F. & A. M. at Chatfield. In the latter order he has reached the Royal Arch Mason degree. He is also a popular member of the B. P. O. E. Mr. Ball was married November 28, 1903, to Matilda McOuat, daughter of John and Lillian (Lallisen) McOuat, pioneer farmers living near St. Peter, in this state. Mr. and Mrs. Ball have three children, Virginia, Lois and Katherine.

Emil P. Grabow, an energetic young banker of Morgan, is doing most efficient work as cashier of the Farmers and Mer-

chants State Bank in that place and his personality is proving one of the vital factors in the success of that institution. He was born in Home township, Brown county, this state, September 26, 1881, son of Fred and Atille (Petrich) Grabow. His father, Fred Grabow, was born in Germany, came to America in 1868, located in Brown county with the early settlers, purchased 160 acres in Home township, gradually developed and improved it, and there still resides. On this farm Emil P. Grabow was reared. He attended the district schools, and with this preparation entered the St. Paul Park College, did excellent work in the academic and commercial courses and was graduated in 1905. Then, after spending a short time with his parents, he entered the Farmers and Merchants State Bank at Morgan on July 25, 1906. From bookkeeper he was promoted in 1908 to assistant cashier, and in 1916 assumed the duties of his present position. In addition to his duties in this financial institution, he has served as village treasurer since the spring of 1913. His fraternal affiliations are with the I. O. O. F., the M. W. A. and the E. F. U. In the first named of which he has occupied all the chairs. The family faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Grabow was married September 23, 1915, to Alma Hecker of Mankato, born in New Ulm, a daughter of John B. and Julia (Kobler) Hecker, the former of whom is engaged in the extensive manufacture of cigars at Mankato.

John W. Carlile was born in Vermont, of sturdy New England ancestry in 1846, the son of James L. and Charlotte Carlile. At the age of twenty-five years he came to Farmington, this state, and there remained until 1872, when he moved to St. Paul and engaged in the meat business. In 1876 he came to Redwood county and started farming in Sherman township. He was one of the prominent men of this vicinity and served as county commissioner for several years. January 1, 1870, he married Marian L. Hendryx, who came to Farmington, this state, from Ohio with her parents in 1861 at the age of eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Carlile were blessed with four children, three sons and one daughter.

Walter W. Carlile, D. D. S., dental practitioner of Morgan, is one of the popular young men of that place and has taken an active interest in its public and fraternal affairs. He was born in Paxton township, this county, April 29, 1878, son of John W. and Marion L. (Hendryx) Carlile, early settlers of this county. Reared in the home of these good parents the subject of this sketch passed through the district schools of Sherman township, to which his parents moved in 1881, and completed the eighth grade studies at Morgan. Thus prepared, he entered Macalister College at St. Paul in 1897 and graduated from its academic department in 1900. June 5, 1904, he completed his studies in the dental department of the Northwestern University at Chicago.



CHRISTIAN SORENSEN AND FAMILY

That summer he perfected his training by practicing as a traveling dentist in Iowa and Kansas. Since June, 1905, he completed his studies in the dental department of the Northwestern University at Chicago. That summer he perfected his training by practicing as a traveling dentist in Iowa and Kansas. Since June, 1905, he has been located in Morgan. His office is well equipped with all the latest appliances and he has demonstrated himself to be a splendid operator. He keeps well abreast of the latest discoveries in his profession and is thoroughly qualified in all its branches. His standing among his fellow doctors is shown by the fact that he has been made a member of the National, State and Southern Minnesota Dental associations. His fraternal affiliations are with the Masonic and Odd Fellow bodies. In the latter lodge at Morgan he has passed through all the chairs. His business holdings include stock in the State Bank of Morgan and the Redwood County Rural Telephone Company. His interest in his village is shown by the fact that he is an active worker in the Morgan Commercial club. Dr. Carlile was married August 22, 1905, to Gertrude Wederath, who was born October 12, 1884, daughter of George M. and Marian L. (Turban) Wederath, pioneers of Sherman township, this county. Dr. and Mrs. Carlile have one child, Marian L., born January 15, 1907.

A. W. Nelson, father of Mrs. Christian Sorenson, was born in Denmark, August 27, 1836. He married Meta Marie Larsen, also a native of Denmark, who died in 1864. In 1866 he married Marie Christensen and in 1870 he came to America, locating in Lake Crystal, Blue Earth county, Minnesota. Here he lived for five years, carrying on the blacksmithing and wagon business in a brick building he erected, since converted into a dwelling house which is still in use. He then removed to Lone Tree Lake, Eden township, Brown county, Minnesota, where he farmed successfully for fifteen years. Then in search of health he went to Missouri, where he died in 1890. His widow resides in Seattle, Wash. The remaining living children are: Mrs. C. Sorenson, Morgan, Minn.; Frederick C. Nelson, St. Paul; Mrs. F. Gjem, Mont., and Mrs. A. R. Caselton, Seattle. Mr. Nelson was educated in both the Danish and German languages and quickly acquired the English language.

Christian Sorenson, a well-to-do farmer of Morgan township, was born in Denmark, February 28, 1858. His good parents, Soren and Meta Marie Olson, who spent the span of their years in Denmark, were the parents of seven children; Lars, Mary, Hans, Sophia, Christina, Trena and Christian. Of this family Lars was the first to make the venture to this new country. He located in Wisconsin and then found his way to Eden township, Brown county, this state, where he sent for his brother, Christian, the subject of this sketch, who was then a youth of seventeen

years. Christian arrived with but thirty dollars in his pocket. This he increased by working as a farm hand, first for his brother and then for others in the neighborhood. In 1880 he purchased 80 acres of land in section 27, Morgan township, on which he started. When he acquired this tract, a few acres had been broken and the only improvements in the way of buildings were an old shack and a straw shed. For a time he rented a part of this land. The first year that he worked it himself he had no team and had to do his work with such horses as he could hire. He worked hard, however, saved his money and was soon enabled to erect a small house 14x14 feet. Mr. Sorenson's present prosperity is in striking contrast to his circumstances in the early days. He has a splendid eight-room house, a commodious barn 70x32 feet and all the other buildings necessary to carry on modern farming. The original tract has been increased to 320 acres, well tilled, fenced and equipped, and enhanced in value by a large grove and plenty of fruit trees. On this place Mr. Sorenson carries on general farming and makes a specialty of short horn grade cattle and of the Norman strain of horses. Aside from his farm holdings, Mr. Sorenson is a stockholder in the elevator and creamery at Morgan and in the Farmers and Merchants State Bank also of that village. In public affairs he has been supervisor of his township and a member of his school board. Mr. Sorenson was married July 20, 1891, to Caroline Nelson, born in Denmark, December 9, 1862, daughter of A. W. and Meta Marie (Larson) Nelson. Mr. and Mrs. Sorenson have been blessed with four children: August W., Meta Marie, Alfred P. and Alice V. L. August W. was born December 17, 1893. Meta Marie was born June 14, 1897. Alfred P. was born January 21, 1902, and Alice V. L. was born May 28, 1906.

Sebastian Biebl, for many years a resident of West Newton township in Nicollet county was born in Germany and there married Mary A. Baar. In 1871 they came to the United States, located in West Newton township, Nicollet county, and there spent the remainder of their lives. He died in 1889 at the age of sixty-eight and she in 1905 at the age of eighty-four.

George Green, one of the pioneers of Nicollet county, this state, was born in Germany, came to America in 1846, lived in Philadelphia for a time, then moved to a farm in Illinois. Upon coming to Nicollet county he took up a homestead in West Newton township. Here he and his good wife endured the hardships of pioneer life. In 1862 they fled before the wrath of the Sioux Indians, took refuge in New Ulm, went from there with the other refugees and finally after ten weeks absence returned to their farm to find that the Indians had burned all the buildings and destroyed all their property. Undaunted, however, they again started to establish a home. Prosperity came with the years and



CASPER GREEN AND FAMILY

they successfully farmed on their original place until 1882 when they took up their home with their son, Casper. Mr. Green died in May, 1901, at the age of eighty-one years. His wife, Barbara Weiniger, died in April 1888, at the age of sixty-three.

Alfred Green, miller and electrician, was born in West Newton township, Nicollet county, Minnesota, June 12, 1884, the son of Casper and Barbara (Biebl) Green. He was reared in his native township, attended the public schools and thoroughly learned the milling industry from his father. In 1909 he secured an interest in the Morgan Roller Mills, previously owned by his father, and became the active manager. In 1911 he purchased the elevator at Morgan of the Sleepy Eye Milling Company, which he now operates. Since 1915 he has been secretary, treasurer and manager of the Wherland Electric Company of Morgan, Minn. Mr. Green was married February 16, 1909, to Lucy Reding, who was born August 30, 1889, daughter of Henry N. and Katherine (Petsynger) Reding, pioneers of Three Lakes township in Redwood county. Mr. and Mrs. Green have three children: Wilfred, born July 4, 1911; Leonard, born March 26, 1914, and Lucile, born December 22, 1915.

Casper Green, miller and extensive land owner, now living in Morgan, was born near Chicago, Ill., April 26, 1855, son of George and Barbara (Weiniger) Green, who brought him to West Newton township, Nicollet county, this state, in 1857. Although but a small boy at the time of the Sioux massacre, he has vivid recollections of the flight of the refugees. He was reared on the farm, secured such education as the neighborhood afforded and remained with his parents until after obtaining his majority, when he started out for himself as a farmer in the same county. As the years passed he became interested in the milling industry and in 1889 started his career in that line by purchasing a mill at Gibbon. Later he owned the mill at Biscay, which he moved to Buffalo Lake. It was in 1897 that he built the present mill at Morgan. After successfully operating this mill for some years, he took his son Alfred as a partner in 1909 and turned over to him the management of the establishment. Since that time he has devoted his time to his farm and his extensive real estate holdings. In all, he owns about 1,000 acres, 680 acres being in a farm near Murdock in this state, and 275 being in his farm near Morgan. The Green farm is one of the best in the neighborhood, the buildings being especially attractive. The home is a modern twelve-room house, equipped with hot and cold water forced through the house by a pressure tank on two large cisterns, a hot water heating system, electric lights and many other conveniences. It is interesting to note that Mr. Green completed a modern home, which on December 17, 1914, shortly after it was finished, caught fire from the hot air furnace

pipes and was burned to the ground. The barn is well in keeping with the home. It is 140x28 feet, sanitary throughout and equipped with the latest modern machinery, making it one of the best barns in the county. The silo is 16x38 feet. On this splendid place Mr. Green carries on general farming. He makes a specialty of Red Poll cattle. His full blooded herd is the best that money can buy and is widely known. An evidence of Mr. Green's progressive spirit is shown in the fact that he has recently installed one of the latest improved milking machines. In addition to his farm holdings, Mr. Green is a stockholder in the State Bank of Morgan. In that village he served on the village council for some four years. All in all, Mr. Green is a splendid type of the twentieth century farmer. A thorough business man and an expert agriculturist. He keeps well abreast of the times by reading farm bulletins and papers and by careful scientific experiments on his own place and the results have fully justified his efforts. His shrewdness, integrity and hard work have brought him more than man's usual measure of success and his worth as a man has won the confidence and respect of all with whom he has come in contact. Mr. Green was married June 1, 1885, to Barbara Biedl, born in Germany, November 30, 1859, daughter of Sebastian and Mary A. (Baar) Biebl. This union has been blessed with seven children: Alfred, miller and electrician of Morgan; George and William, farmers of Morgan township, and Edward, Harry, Mary and Frank, who are at home.

Henry F. Hopfenspirger, postmaster and leading citizen of Morgan, was born in Racine, Wis., August 5, 1876, the son of Charles and Carrie (Falsbott) Hopfenspirger, now living in retirement at Sleepy Eye. He farmed with his parents as a youth, worked with threshing crews for some seasons and finally became interested in the implement business in the employ of his brother, Joseph W. Hopfenspirger. Later he became traveling salesman for the International Harvester Company and subsequently dealt in real estate for some years. March 13, 1915, he became postmaster at Morgan. He is an efficient public servant and his administration of the duties of this important position have given general satisfaction. Mr. Hopfenspirger was married May 9, 1901, to Lena M. Fixsen, who was born in April 1879, daughter of Fred and Mathilda (Daube) Fixsen, farmers of Morgan. Mr. and Mrs. Hopfenspirger have three children: Lloyd, Hazen and Beatrice. The family faith is that of the Catholic church.

Nels Jensen is an excellent type of modern merchant. Thoroughly loyal to his village and a sincere believer in its future, he has invested heavily in building up its business center and his vital personality has been an important factor in the position which Morgan now occupies among its sister municipalities of this

region. Entirely a self-made man, he came to this country as a poor boy, had several years of vigorous farm work, and as a clerk had considerable experience in the general mercantile line before starting in the business for himself. Nels Jensen was born in Denmark, January 9, 1868, the son of Jeppe and Mary (Larsen) Jensen, the former of whom died in 1894 at the age of seventy and the latter in 1912 at the age of seventy-seven. Reared by these good parents, the subject of this sketch attended the neighborhood schools and grew to young manhood in the old country. He was ambitious, however, for a wider field of endeavor and in 1886 he came to America and took up his home with his uncle Han Larson near Evan, Brown county, this state. Later he worked for other farmers. About 1890 he secured employment in the general store of A. Rinke at Sleepy Eye. With this experience, in 1899 he came to Morgan and with Philip Johannesen, under the firm name of Jensen and Johannesen, opened a general store. A year and a half later Henry Gerhke succeeded Mr. Johannesen. Two years later Mr. Jensen purchased the Gerhke interests and has since conducted the business alone. He is a man of much vitality and energy and a shrewd business man and upright citizen. His honest methods have won him a large trade, and so rapidly has the business grown that it is now some six times larger than it was when he started. His customers include the leading citizens of Morgan and the substantial farmers of wide country area. Mr. Jensen is just completing one of the finest store buildings in this part of the county. It is in the shape of an "L" fronting on Main and East streets. The State Bank of Morgan cuts out the corner. The building is of solid brick with a full basement, lighted with electricity and heated with a steam heating system. Everything is modern and up to date. There are rest rooms for the women and lavatories for both women and men. The cases and fixtures for the display of goods are of beautiful design and of the most convenient models. The store is a department store in the strictest sense, handling a general line of dry goods and men and women's ready-to-wear apparel and accessories. Though so busily engaged with his own business and occupied with building up a greater success than falls to the average man, Mr. Jensen has not neglected his public duties. He has served on the village council, has taken part in everything which had for its object the betterment of the community. In the Morgan Improvement association he is an enthusiastic worker. His business holdings include stock in the State Bank of Morgan. Mr. Jensen was married April 9, 1896, to Kate Johannsen, who was born October 20, 1869, the daughter of Hans and Sophia (Peterson) Johannsen, the former of whom died at Sleepy Eye in 1913 at the age of seventy-seven. Mr. and Mrs. Jensen have four children: Wilbert, born October 31, 1897;

Oscar, born November 9, 1901; Rex, born July 27, 1903, and Viola, born December 11, 1898. The family faith is that of the Danish Lutheran church.

John Henry Weldon, a veteran of the Civil war, was born in New York state in 1823, and was there reared and educated. In the early part of the Civil war he enlisted in the 153rd Wis. Vol. Inf., and served under General Philip Henry Sheridan. Though slightly wounded in battle, he was never disabled, and followed the fortunes of his regiment to the end, participating in the battle of Appomattox Court House, and being present at the surrender of General Robert E. Lee. Upon receiving his honorable discharge, Mr. Weldon returned to his native state. In 1872 he came to Minnesota, and took a soldiers' homestead of 160 acres in section 12, Highwater township, Cottonwood county. In 1876 he sold this farm and purchased 160 acres in Lamberton township, this county, where he lived for several years. Then for a while he lived in Sauk Center, Minn., but later took up his home in Lamberton, this county, where he died in 1911. He married Jane E. Smith, who was born in 1827 at Fultonville, Tood county, New York, and now makes her home in Staples, Minn.

Abram J. Weldon, a well known resident of Wabasso, was born in Gloversville, Fulton county, New York, April 5, 1858, son of John Henry and Jane E. (Smith) Weldon. He spent his boyhood in his native state, and in 1872 came to Minnesota with his parents. For a time he was employed as a farm helper and later with a railroad construction crew. Subsequently, he purchased 160 acres in section 8, where he successfully farmed until 1900, when he retired and moved to Wabasso. For a time he sold farm machinery, later he was a land agent. Still later he took up his present work as a stock dealer. Mr. Weldon has been one of the most active of Wabasso citizens, and has acceptably filled the position of president of the council for several years. He has been especially prominent in the Wabasso Building and Loan association, and he has also been vitally identified with the Citizens State Bank, the Farmers Creamery, the Fire Department and other organizations. He was one of the organizers and first masters of the A. O. U. W. and is also a member of the A. F. & A. M. Mr. Weldon was married October 15, 1877, to Alvina Jacobs, born March 29, 1859, at Sharpsburg, Penn., daughter of Gotlieb and Barbara (Neilenger) Jacobs. Mr. and Mrs. Weldon have had four children: Emma, wife of L. Berg, a farmer of Vail township; William G., clerk of the district court of Redwood county; Hattie (deceased); and Edward G., a newspaperman in Wabasso. Gotlieb Jacobs, father of Mrs. Weldon, was born in 1819 in Germany, came to Minnesota in 1869, homesteaded 80 acres in Charlestown township, this county, and died in 1889, his wife, who was born in 1820, dying in 1890.



W. G. WELDON

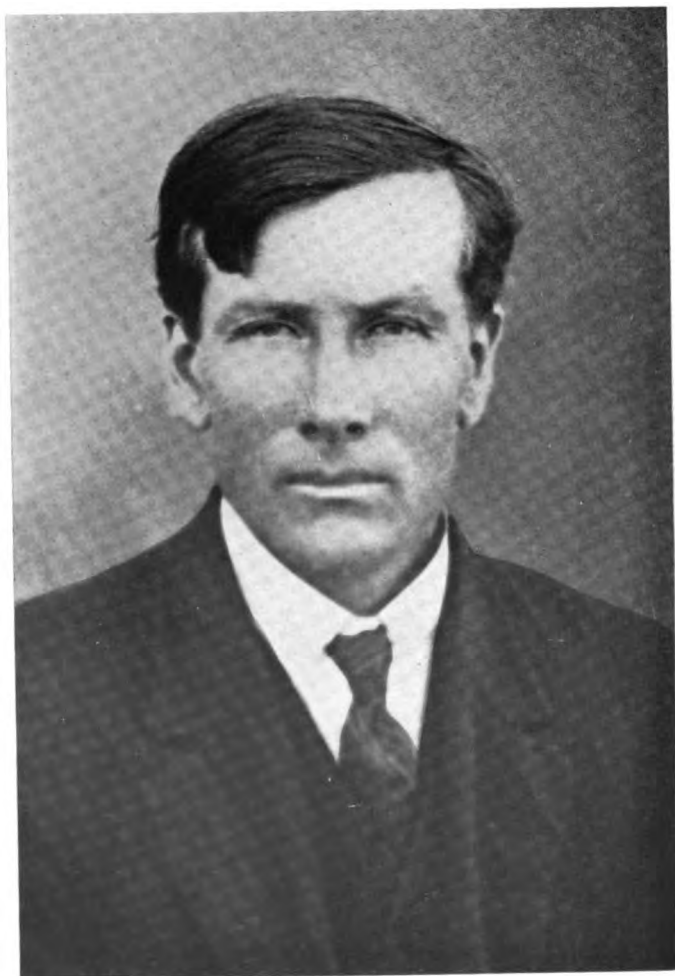
Edward G. Weldon, editor of the Wabasso Standard, was born August 20, 1889, in Charlestown township, Redwood county, Minnesota. Son of Abram J. and Alvina (Jacobs) Weldon. He received his education at the district school and attended the Mankato Commercial College seven months. In 1908 he entered the printing office of W. C. Starr at Lamberton, Minn., where he remained seven months. In 1909 he bought the Wabasso Standard, a weekly Republican paper, which he still edits. He is one of the influential men of the community and is highly regarded throughout the county. Mr. Weldon was married May 9, 1914, to Kathryn Zeren, born July 10, 1888, at Chaska, Carver county, Minnesota, daughter of Peter Zeren, a native of Brighton township, Kenosha, Wis., born July 24, 1850.

William G. Weldon, clerk of the district court, was born in Charlestown township, this county, March 11, 1882, son of Abraham J. and Alvina (Jacobs) Weldon. He lived at home and as a boy assisted in operating the home farm. His business education was acquired in the New Ulm Business College and in the Marshall Commercial College, graduating from the latter institution in 1902. Thus prepared, he became assistant cashier of the Citizens State Bank of Wabasso one year and was late cashier of the State Bank of Revere six months. One year he was partner in the Marshall Bottling Works at Marshall, Minn., and for a time he was in the collection and insurance business at Wabasso. He was elected to his present position as clerk of the district court of Redwood county in the fall of 1908, taking office January 1, 1909. He was re-elected in the fall of 1912 and is doing most efficient service. Fraternally he is affiliated with the K. of P. and the I. O. O. F. On May 25, 1904, Mr. Weldon was married to Maud A. Maxon, born April 11, 1885, daughter of William T., who died in Marshall, Minn., at the age of sixty-five years in 1903, and his wife, Adelia S. (Woodruff) Maxson. Mr. and Mrs. Weldon have one child, Gertrude May, born August 10, 1905.

Fred Sasse, a pioneer of Home township, Brown county and veteran of the Civil war, was born in Germany, came to America in 1844 and spent several years in Tennessee, Texas and other southern states. In spite of his residence in that region he espoused the union cause at the outbreak of the Civil war and did good service as a soldier for four years. After that conflict, in 1865, he came to Brown county, this state, and took a claim in Home township. Beginning on a small scale, he achieved prosperity by hard work and business shrewdness. In 1906 he retired and moved to Sleepy Eye, where he died December 31, 1909, at the age of eighty-four years. His good wife, Hannah (Schleisen) Sasse, still makes her home in that village. The children in the family were: August, a farmer of Home township, Brown

county, Minnesota; Louisa, wife of Herman Zelmer, a farmer of Home township, Brown county; Charles, a farmer of Morgan township, this county; Fred, on the home farm; Amelia, wife of Julius Anderson, a machinist at Morgan; Ida, a milliner at Chicago; Lydia, public librarian at Sleepy Eye, and Amanda, who died in 1908 at the age of nineteen years.

Charles G. Sasse, a prosperous agriculturalist of Morgan township was born in Home township, Brown county, this state, January 6, 1873, son of Fred and Hannah (Schleisen) Sasse. He was reared on the home farm, attended the district schools of his neighborhood and learned farming from his father. In 1891 he went to Sleepy Eye and worked for two years with William Steinke as a carpenter. Then after a year in the implement business in that village, he devoted another year to his trade. It was in 1895 that he came to Morgan and, in partnership with J. W. Hopfenspirger, under the firm name of Sasse & Hopfenspirger, engaged in the hardware business. Two years later Mr. Hopfenspirger sold out and the firm name was changed to Sasse & Readen, later Mr. Sasse sold out to Mr. Readen and in 1899 moved onto the John Dittbenner farm of 160 acres in section 16, Morgan township, which his wife had inherited. To this, in 1905, he added 120 acres in section 9, Morgan township, a tract which he sold in 1910, when he bought another 80 in the same section. On this splendid farm of 200 acres Mr. Sasse now carries on general farming. His house and barns are excellent and a silo built in 1914 with a capacity of one hundred twenty-five tons adds much to the value of the place. One acre is set to fruit, three acres are in alfalfa and some eighty acres are devoted to clover, timothy and blue grass. For some time Mr. Sasse made a specialty of feeding cattle for the market and his herd of full-blooded registered Hereford cattle was widely known. In 1915, however, he changed his plan by disposing of his entire herd and purchasing the nucleus of a herd of short horn which he is now breeding for dairy purposes. He also keeps a drove of O. I. C. swine and devotes considerable attention to raising Rhode Island Red chickens. Being interested in the most modern developments in his line of endeavor, he has allied himself with the Minnesota Stock Breeders' Association, the National Herford Breeders' Association and the Redwood County Agricultural Association. Aside from his farm interests, he is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Morgan and the Redwood County Rural Telephone Company. While living in the village of Morgan, he was a member of the village council and since living in the township he has served on the township board for six years. His fraternal affiliations are with the M. W. A. and the E. F. U. The family faith is that of the German Methodist Episcopal Church of Morgan, of which Mr. Sasse is one of the



OLE J. OLSON

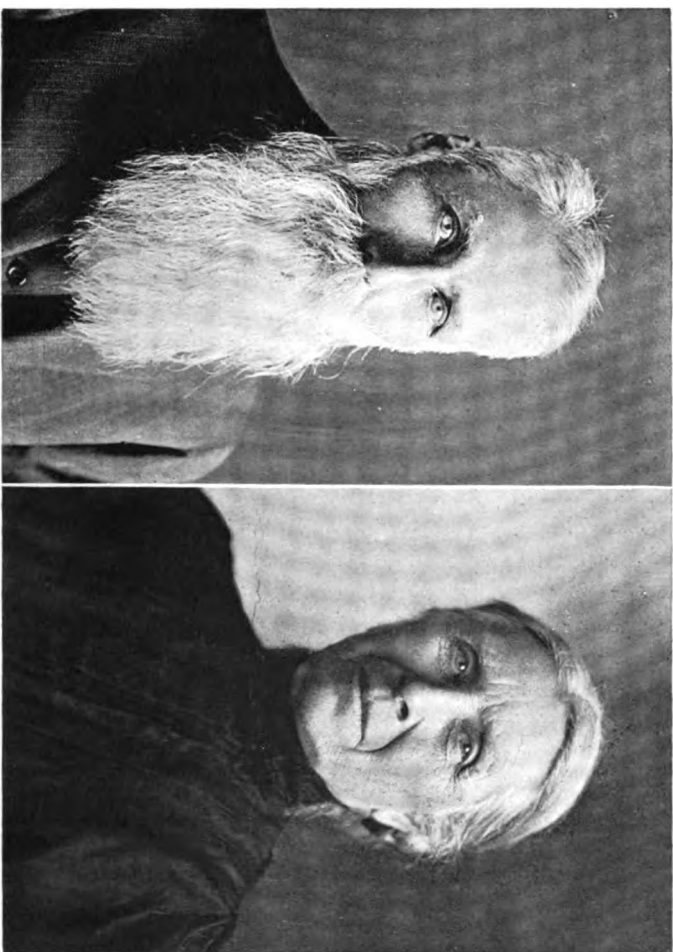
trustees. Mr. Sasse was married May 21, 1901, to Eleanora Dittbenner, who was born December 31, 1878, daughter of John and Caroline (Simondent) Dittbenner. Mr. and Mrs. Sasse have had three children: Fernelle, who was born April 20, 1905; Floyd, born May 16, 1909, and Violet, born March 12, 1913.

John Dittbenner, a pioneer of Brown county and a veteran of the Indian campaign of 1862, was born in Germany. He came to America in 1852, and later located in Brown county, September 15, 1862. After the Indian massacre, he enlisted in Company C, Irregular State Militia, at New Ulm and served until October 10, 1862, when he was honorably discharged. He then farmed in Brown county until 1892, when he came to Redwood county, located in Morgan township and there lived until 1896 when he died at the age of fifty-three years. His wife, Caroline (Simondent) Dittbenner, died the year previous at the age of forty-seven. In the Dittbenner family there were fourteen children: Alfred, who died at Springfield, Minn., in 1914, at the age of forty-six; Rosa, wife of August Rentz, a farmer at Bertha, Minn.; Eleanore, wife of Charles G. Sasse; Henry, a mail carrier at Lucan, Minn.; John, a real estate dealer at Woodward, N. D.; Cora, wife of Carl Bluhm, a merchant at Bertha, Minn.; Amanda, wife of Will Gode, a farmer at at Lamberton; Ida, wife of Will Albrecht, a farmer at Milk River, Alberta, Canada; Carolina, wife of Henry Schultz, a farmer at Milk River; George, a farmer at Woodward, N. D.; Ludwig, a farmer at Milk River; Arthur, proprietor of a restaurant at Echo, Minn., and two children who died in infancy.

Ole J. Olson, a prominent and energetic farmer of Delhi township, was born on section 9, in the township where he still resides, June 20, 1877, son of John Olson and Ellen (Johnson) Wogland, the pioneers. He attended the district schools of his neighborhood, was reared to farm pursuits by his father, and remained at home until 1913 when he purchased from his father 160 acres in section 31, Delhi township, where he now lives. He has been successful in his operations, and carries on general farming and stock raising, raising each year about twenty-five acres of wheat, about the same amount of oats, and some sixty or more acres of corn, as well as pasturing a good herd of cattle and a profitable drove of swine. In politics, Mr. Olson is a Republican. The family faith is that of the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran church. Mr. Olson was married December 18, 1892, to Hannah Sundquist, born at Sacred Heart, Minn., May 21, 1874, daughter of Peter and Christiana Sundquist. This union has been blessed with two children: Edna Sylvia, born December 26, 1913, and Helen Olila, born April 4, 1915. Mrs. Olson has two brothers and two sisters: Carl Sundquist, of Webster, S. D.; Ida Sundquist, who lives with her parents in Sacred Heart; Emma, now

Mrs. Ole Edlund of Sacred Heart, Renville county, and Herman Sundquist, of Sacred Heart, Renville county.

John Olson Woglund, a pioneer, has lived in this county for over forty years, and no one who has not passed through the experiences that he has can realize the changes that have taken place since he first arrived here. It was then a region of wild prairie, with only a scattered house here and there, the only timber to be seen being in the bottoms and along the waterways. Farming was done in altogether a different way from what it is now, comforts and conveniences were few and hardships and privations were many. But in spite of discouragements he and his good wife kept faithfully at work until they were numbered among the most prosperous citizens of a well-settled and thriving community. John Olson Woglund was born in Trondhjem, Norway, May 11, 1847, son of Ole and Annie Woglund, who spent the span of their years in the old country. He was reared in his native parish, and was there educated and grew to manhood. It was in 1870 that he came to America and took up his residence near Austin, in this state. In 1874 he came to Redwood county and purchased 120 acres of land in section 9, Delhi township, where he has since continued to live. The land was absolutely wild and unbroken. Mr. Woglund erected a small log cabin and a straw shack, and with his oxen started to break the land and develop the farm. One of his first duties was to set out a grove of small trees. This grove he has seen develop into a small forest. His farm has developed into one of the best in the community. From time to time he added to his possessions until he owned 1,000 acres of well-improved land. As necessity required, he erected necessary buildings, until he now has a modern ten-room home, with commodious barns and a splendid set of other farm structures. Three times Mr. Woglund has journeyed back to Norway to the land of his birth and visited his old friends there. A thorough believer in education, he has done good service on the school board. His business holdings include stock in the Farmers Elevator at Delhi. His church affiliation is with the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Delhi, of which he has served as trustee for some years. All in all, he is a useful citizen and is highly respected throughout the community in which he lives. Mr. Woglund was married July 4, 1875, to Ellen Johnson, daughter of John and Gertrude (Larson) Johnson, the former of whom died in Norway and the latter of whom came to this country and died in Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Woglund have been blessed with seven children: Anna, born November 12, 1875, now Mrs. Albert Peterson, of Delhi township; Ole, born January 20, 1877; Gertrude, born October 4, 1880; Nettie, born December 13, 1882, now Mrs. Ole Woglund, of Delhi township; John (deceased), born July 7, 1885; Cora, born February 17,



MR. AND MRS. JOHN OLSON WOGLAND



CHARLES DIETZ AND FAMILY

1888, now Mrs. Herman Sundquist, of Sacred Heart, Renville county, this state, and Josephine, born June 22, 1892, now Mrs. Martinus Matison, of Delhi township.

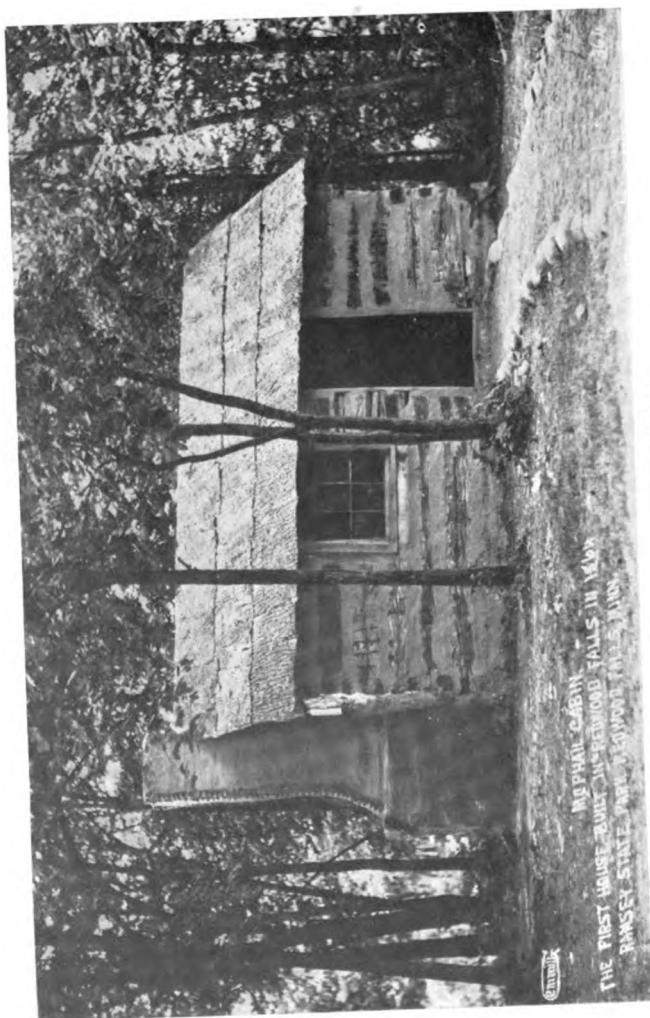
James Arnold, for many years a potent factor in the life of Redwood county, was born in Kent, England, in 1837, and was there reared and educated. In 1866 he came to America and located in Ford county, Illinois. It was in 1887 that he came to Redwood county, and purchased 160 acres in section 22, Vesta township. A well educated gentleman, he took a vital interest in public affairs, and served in many public offices. For eight years he was county commissioner, during which time he earnestly advocated the cause of good roads, both at the meetings of the board, and by communications in the county newspapers. One of his official acts was the securing of the appropriation for the bridge across the Redwood at Vesta. At his home, he kept the Vesta postoffice, and he greatly assisted the establishment of the new village of Vesta by moving the postoffice to the village and appointing F. H. Bendix as his deputy to take charge of the mail. He also assisted the new village by establishing its first newspaper, "The Vesta Bright Eyes," in 1899. He died on his farm, January 19, 1912, at the age of seventy-six years. Mr. Arnold was married November 22, 1864, to Maria Riddel, who was born in Kent, England, April 11, 1838. Of the eight children in the family, there are now living four: Herbert, manager of an elevator at Burwick, N. D.; Henry, manager of an elevator at Stanley, N. D.; James, a farmer of Vesta township, and Alexander F., who conducts the old homestead.

Alexander E. Arnold, an industrious young farmer of Vesta township, was born in Ford county, Illinois, March 3, 1879, son of James and Maria (Riddel) Arnold. He was reared to farm pursuits and was educated in the schools of his neighborhood. Since 1900 he has been in charge of the home place. On this place he carries on general farming and makes a specialty of Holstein cattle and Plymouth Rock chickens. Mr. Arnold was married January 5, 1903, to Margaret Goblisch, born November 1, 1881, daughter of Michael, a farmer of Henryville township, Renville county, and his wife, Katherine (Weis) Goblisch, who died in 1908 at the age of fifty-nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold have two children: Esther, born August 10, 1904, and Barbara, born June 28, 1906.

Charles Dietz, a prosperous farmer of Vesta township, was born in Germany, January 6, 1863, son of Frederick and Friedericka (Zinder) Dietz. The father was a German cabinet maker who came to America in 1873, and bought a farm in Sibley township, Sibley county. In 1888 he came to Redwood county, buying 240 acres in section 7, Vesta township, where he subsequently resided until his death, May 4, 1914, at the age of eighty-nine

years. His wife died May 21, 1891. Charles Dietz remained at home and took charge of his father's farm until 1888. He then bought 160 acres in section 7, Vesta township, which he operates in addition to his father's land, owning altogether 466 acres and carrying on diversified farming. He has been treasurer of school district No. 3 since 1913. Mr. Dietz was married February 21, 1893, to Ottilia Rucks, who was born December 24, 1873, daughter of August and Ernstina (Blemke) Rucks. August Rucks, who was born in Germany, and who came to America in 1855, served two and one-half years in the Civil war. He settled in Sibley county, Minnesota, where he engaged in farming. Mrs. Rucks' mother is Wilhelmina Winter, who is still living in Sibley county, where she is enjoying life at an advanced age. Mr. and Mrs. Dietz have six children: Herman, a farmer of Underwood township, born December 1, 1893, who married Lillie Kolander September 23, 1914; Hilda, born September 29, 1895; Fred, born June 29, 1897; Henry, born April 26, 1899; Clara, born September 12, 1901, and Selma, born March 24, 1903. The family are members of the German Lutheran church.

John W. Depue, of Vesta township, was born in Albany, New York, October 5, 1854, eldest son of John and Mary (Glover) Depue. The father, born in Albany, was married in 1852 to Mary Glover, who came from England to America in 1841, locating at Albany. She died in 1907 at the age of eighty-two years. Mr. Depue removed to Kalamazoo, Mich., in 1864, and in 1878 to Yellow Medicine county, Minnesota, where he homesteaded land in Echo township and was engaged in farming until 1892. He then removed to Echo, where he died in 1903. There were seven children in the family: John W., whose name appears at the head of this sketch; Smith, now living at Sioux Falls; Edward, a carpenter of Echo, Minn.; Charles O., a carpenter of Fergus Falls, Minn.; William R., a farmer of Alberta, Canada; Ella, wife of Thomas O'Connor, a retired farmer of Watertown, S. D., and Rose, who was a school teacher and met her death in a runaway accident in 1895 when she was twenty-two years of age. In 1878 John W. Depue homesteaded 160 acres in section 4, Vesta township, where he now lives. He hauled lumber from Marshall by ox team to build a house, which, when completed, was a one-story building, 14x16 feet. His property is now well improved and he carries on general farming successfully. He was school director when the first school was established, and has served as justice of peace and also as road overseer several times. Mr. Depue was married December 23, 1875, to Ruth Mather, who was born October 23, 1854, and died February 17, 1915. She was the daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Depue) Mather. The father, Samuel Mather, was a pioneer farmer of Yellow Medicine county, where he homesteaded land in 1871. He later moved to Echo,



M'PHAIL CABIN
THE FIRST HOUSE BUILT IN REDWOOD FALLS IN 1858
MINNESOTA. NOW A STATE HISTORIC SITE.

M'PHAIL LOG CABIN

where he became the owner of the townsite and opened the first general store, residing there until his death in 1900, at the age of 70 years. His wife, who was born in England, and was one of the pioneers of Hastings, Minn., died in 1902, also at the age of seventy. There were three children in the family: Ruth, Henry, a farmer of Great Falls, Mont.; and Emma, Mrs. Albert Simmons. Mr. and Mrs. Depue have had the following children: Lillian, wife of John Calavan, a farmer of Washington and the mother of one child, Clifford; Florence, wife of George Fairweather, proprietor of a livery in Souris, North Dakota, who had four children, Douglas, Everett, Milton and Ruth; Roy, residing at Lene; Maurice, who conducts the home farm; Stella and Lorna, both of whom are stenographers at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Winston, living with his sister in Washington.

Donald McKenzie, an industrious farmer of Vesta township, was born in Ardelf, Rosshire, Scotland, September 15, 1848, son of Kenneth and Jennet (McRae) McKenzie. In 1849 Kenneth McKenzie emigrated to Glengarry, Ontario, Canada, where he farmed until 1868. Then coming to Minnesota he settled at Sleepy Eye, where he died in 1894 at the age of 98 years. His wife died in 1892 at the age of 73. There were seven children in the family: Jennet, who was the wife of Finley McDermot of Glengarry, and died in 1905, at the age of sixty-eight; Donald, a farmer of Brown county, who died in Redwood Falls, in June, 1914; Colin, a retired farmer of Sleepy Eye; Margaret (Mrs. Donald McDermot of Glengarry); Donald; Martha, wife of Hans Roy, a retired farmer of Redwood Falls; and Isabelle, wife of Charles Jorgensen, a farmer of Alberta, Canada. Donald McKenzie remained at home until he was 34 years of age. For six years he was in the fuel business in Redwood Falls. Then he bought 160 acres in section 30, Vesta township, where he lived until 1905, at which time he bought and removed to a 200-acre farm in section 33. He now owns 600 acres. In 1915 he built a barn, 34 by 54, with basement, on his farm in section 30; and in 1910 an eight-room house, equipped with hot water heat, on his farm in section 33. He has made other valuable improvements and has brought his farms to a high state of cultivation. Mr. McKenzie raises shorthorn cattle and Duroc Jersey swine, and makes a specialty of Plymouth Rock chickens and Bronze turkeys. He has held township office, having served as supervisor for eight years, and director of the school board for three years. For six years he has been treasurer of the Farmers' Elevator of Vesta. Mr. McKenzie was married August 12, 1881, to Emma Hyslop, who was born September 20, 1856, in Nova Scotia, daughter of Edward Hyslop, a farmer of Nova Scotia, who died there in 1908, at the age of 84 years, and his wife, Jane (Shearer) Hyslop, who died in 1908, at the age of eighty-five. Mr. and

Mrs. McKenzie have four children: Stanley, born May 11, 1882, who died July 9, 1892; John A., born December 22, 1883, now of Hayden, Ariz.; Jeannette, born July 19, 1886, who is a student from the Mankato Normal school, and now a teacher in Redwood county; and Chloris C., born February 20, 1890, who graduated from the Mankato high school in 1909, taught in the Vesta schools for two years and was then principal for two years. The family are members of the Presbyterian church at Vesta.

John F. Rohlik, an up-to-date farmer of Vesta township, was born in Bohemia, September 17, 1862, son of John W. and Mary (Harvet) Rohlik, who were married in Bohemia, November 22, 1858. John W. Rohlik came to America in 1867, locating in Chicago and later removing to Crawford county, Wis., where he farmed until 1894. Since then he has lived with his children of whom he and his wife had seven, namely: William M., a farmer, of Vesta township; John F., subject of this sketch; Mary, wife of Paul Borte, a merchant of Wanda; Anthony M., a farmer of Vesta township; Clara, now sister Ida of St. Rose Convent at La Crosse; Thomas L., a farmer of Vesta township, and Matilda, married to Hans Lienaw, a hardware dealer of Seattle, Wash. John F. Rohlik remained at home until he was 18 years of age, when he began working out and so continued for about seven years. In 1887, in partnership with his brother William, he bought 160 acres of land in Granite Rock township, where he and his brother lived for five years. In 1892 he bought 120 acres in sections 25 and 35, Vesta township, and began working upon his new farm with characteristic energy, and in time made many improvements. To begin with he had four horses and six cows but no tools. His first house was a two-room frame building, 16 by 26 feet. Mr. Rohlik now owns 600 acres of land, raises Duroc Jersey swine, of which he ships one carload every year, and also Shorthorn cattle, some of which are registered. He has considerable land set out in clover and timothy. In 1914 he built a two-story house, 30 by 32, of eight rooms with full basement and thoroughly modern. He has electric lights in all buildings, dynamo and storage battery in the basement, and the washer, pump and cream separator are all run by electricity. In 1911 he built a barn 40 by 62, which will accommodate 20 horses and 30 cattle. The farm is all enclosed by woven wire fencing. Mr. Rohlik has served as chairman of the township board for 12 years and has been school director of district No. 54 20 years. He is president of the Farmers' Elevator at Seaforth. Mr. Rohlik was married February 24, 1892, to Agnes Borte, who was born in Germany January 18, 1872, daughter of Carl and Theresa (Barsch) Borte. Carl Borte came to America in 1875 and located in Rice county, Minn., where he farmed until 1886. He then moved to Vesta township, where he resided until his death in February, 1904, at



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the age of 70 years. His wife died January, 1911, at the age of 67 years. There were six children in the family: Mary, married to Fred Hottinger, a farmer of Washington; Paul, a merchant of Wanda, Minn.; twins, who died in infancy; Agnes, and Joseph, a farmer in Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Rohlik have nine children: Agnes, born December 21, 1892; sister Corona at St. Rose Convent, at La Crosse; Anthony, born May 29, 1894; Charles, November 8, 1895; Mary, January 22, 1897; Frank October 1, 1899; Helen, December 31, 1901; Matilda, February 13, 1906; Josephine, August 6, 1910; and Francis, July 20, 1912. The family belongs to St. Mary's Catholic church at Seaforth.

William A. Sickman, a rising young farmer of Vesta township, was born in Arlington, Minn., March 3, 1890, son of Gustav and Emily (Taubert) Sickman. The father was born in Sibley county and came to Redwood county in 1892, buying 240 acres of land in section 11, Vesta township. He has since increased his holdings to 480 acres and has a well improved farm. In December, 1913, he decided to retire from active work and moved to Echo, Minn., where he and his wife expect to spend their remaining years. Mrs. Sickman is a native of Germany, and came to America in 1882, being married in 1887. There were four children in the family: Anna, now Mrs. Jacob Geib, whose husband has charge of the elevator at Gaylord; William A.; Henry, a farmer on the home place; and Freida, wife of Arthur Radtke, agent of the elevator at Wood Lake, Minn. William A. Sickman remained at home working on the farm for his father until December 1, 1913, the father being an invalid. He then rented the home farm and has made many improvements on it. He specializes in feeding cattle for the market, shipping one carload every year. Mr. Sickman was married December 29, 1913, to Grace Alexander, who was born February 8, 1891, daughter of David Alexander. Mr. and Mrs. Sickman are members of the Presbyterian church.

Ferdinand J. Werner, a thrifty farmer of Vesta township, was born in Germany, July 29, 1862, son of Daniel and Caroline (Zirkie) Werner. Daniel Werner was a blacksmith in Germany and died in 1870. There were twelve children in the family, four of whom are living: August, a farmer of Underwood township; Bertha, now Mrs. Fred Gums of Henderson; Ferdinand J., and Charlotte, now wife of Henry Thoele of Sibley county, Minn. Ferdinand J. Werner came to America in 1877 with his mother, and located in Sibley county, Minn., where he farmed until 1892. He then bought 160 acres of land in section 17, Vesta township, and built a one-story frame house, 16 by 20 feet, which in 1903 was remodeled into a comfortable six-room house. In 1911 he built a barn, 32 by 56, accommodating 40 cattle and eight horses. He raises shorthorn cattle, Duroc Jersey swine and Belgian horses and specializes in Rhode Island Red chickens. Mr. Werner has

held office on the township board of Vesta for two years, has been constable for two years, and has also served as road overseer. He is a director in the Farmers' Elevator Company at Vesta. Fraternally he is associated with the A. O. U. W., of which he is master workman, and with the M. W. A. of which he is watchman. Mr. Werner was united in marriage March 21, 1892, to Bertha Gutknecht, who was born in Germany, January 17, 1877, daughter of August and Anna (Straw) Gutknecht. The father was a native of Germany, who came to America in 1884, locating in Sibley county, where he died in 1888, aged 49 years. There were seven children in the Gutknecht family: Amelia, widow of Fred Summick, a farmer of Sibley county, who died in 1912; Ottilia, wife of Gust Kelm, a farmer of McLeod county; Annie, now Mrs. Carl Wudelman, of Sibley county; Carl, a farmer of Stearns county; August and Albert who are farming in Sibley county, and Bertha. Mr. and Mrs. Werner have ten children: Minnie, born Feb. 19, 1894, who was married July 2, 1913, to Otto Meier, a farmer of Vesta township; and has one child, Marvin, born April 18, 1916; Otto, born Jan. 3, 1896; John, December 5, 1897; Harry, December 21, 1899; Sophia, February 13, 1902; Esther, January 15, 1904; Ida, May 9, 1905; Sadie, September 25, 1906; Fredwin, October 22, 1907, and Martha, April 14, 1910. The family faith is that of the German Lutheran church.

Norris W. Cobleigh, successful farmer, man of affairs, and former register of deeds, was born in Lauderdale county, Mississippi, December 9, 1850. His father, Simon, was born in Vermont, July 7, 1811, living there until 1840, then went to Mississippi and there lived until 1851, when he moved to Baraboo, Wis., where he lived until his death in 1887. The mother, Oril E. Way, was born in Connecticut in 1818, and died March 26, 1889. The subject of this sketch was reared in Wisconsin, and at the age of twenty-one years, struck out for himself, alternating teaching with farm work until 1879, having in the meantime in 1876 graduated from the Northwestern Business College in Madison, Wis. It was in 1879 that he purchased 280 acres of land in section 36, Willow Lake township, this county. This farm he successfully operated for some years, winning the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens to the extent that in 1896 he was elected register of deeds of Redwood county, serving from January 1, 1897, to January 1, 1903. Upon retiring from this important office, he purchased a farm of 277 acres in the west half of section 3 of Redwood Falls township to the improvement and development of which he has since devoted his attention. He has erected a two-story house of ten rooms with all modern improvements, hot water heat, running hot and cold water, acetylene lights, and other improvements, making the place one of the finest in the

township. The house is surrounded with a beautiful lawn, ornamented with neat walks, with side shrubbery, and flower beds. The out buildings include a barn, 36 by 80 feet, and a tile silo with a capacity of 150 tons, a reservoir with a capacity of two hundred and fifty barrels furnishes an ample water supply. Surrounding the house is a splendid grove and the value of the farm is further enhanced by a two-acre orchard of fruit trees. Mr. Cobleigh successfully carries on general farming, makes a specialty of Poll-Angus and Redpoll cattle, Duroc-Jersey swine and shropshire sheep. The business connections are with the State Bank of Redwood Falls of which he is a director, the Farmers' Elevator Company of Redwood Falls of which he is secretary, and the Redwood County Rural Telephone Co., of which he is a stockholder. Fraternally he affiliates with the Odd Fellows. The family faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Redwood Falls, of which Mr. Cobleigh is one of the trustees. Mr. Cobleigh has taken a sincere interest in the early history of the county and from 1880 to 1896 served as secretary of the Old Settlers' Association of Willow Lake, Sundown and adjoining townships. Mr. Cobleigh was married February 5, 1879, to Jennie L. Patterson, who was born in Columbia county, Wisconsin, April 21, 1858, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Patterson) Patterson. Thomas Patterson was born in Ireland, May 26, 1839, came to Wisconsin in 1853, living there ten years, came to Olmsted county, Minnesota, in 1863, living there until 1904, then moved to St. Charles in Winona county, and there died, December 30, 1909. Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson died in Olmsted county in 1874 at the age of forty-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Cobleigh have been blessed with three children, Clarence, Myrtle M. and Winnifred. Clarence was born September 26, 1884, was educated in the Redwood Falls public schools and now operates the home farm. Myrtle M. was born August 14, 1886, graduated from the Minnesota Commercial College at Minneapolis and resides at home. Winnifred was born February 13, 1892, and is now Mrs. Stanley Boushek of Carrington, North Dakota.

Anthony A. Praxel, pioneer merchant of Lamberton, was born in Austria in 1845, and married Mary Shandera, who was born in Germany in 1852. He came to America as a young man and in 1872 came to Cottonwood Crossing, near Lamberton, where, for two years he and Frank Shandera engaged in the mercantile business under the firm name of Praxel & Shandera. In 1874 they moved to Lamberton. In 1885 Mr. Praxel sold out to his partner. He died in 1895 in Montana, and his wife is still living in Lamberton. In the family there are four children: Peter, of Walnut Grove; Theresa, now deceased; Anthony J., an attorney of Lamberton; and Julia, who married Richard M. Hamer, of Lafayette, Ind., and has two children, Leha and Daniel.

Anthony J. Praxel, M. A., L. L. B., a leading attorney of this region and prominent in fraternal circles throughout the state, is a native of Lamberton where he still resides. A man of genial temperament and well trained native ability, he has made his own way in the world and having already achieved a degree of success unusual for one of his age, his friends predict for him a brilliant future of limitless possibilities. He was born in Lamberton where he still resides, January 8, 1878, the son of Anthony A. and Mary (Shanders) Praxel, pioneers of that village. He attended the district schools, and graduated from the Academy of Carlton College at Northfield, this state, in 1900. With this preparation he entered the law college of the University of Minnesota from which he was graduated in 1904 with the degree of L. L. B. His master's degree was granted by that university in 1907. In 1906 Mr. Praxel entered the law office of Ayers & McDonald of Minneapolis. In 1908 he opened an office in Lamberton, a year later he formed a partnership with Senator Frank Clague which continued until 1911, when Senator Clague moved to Redwood Falls. Since that date, Mr. Praxel has practiced alone. Mr. Praxel has been village recorder of Lamberton since 1910. He is now candidate for a seat in the lower house of the Minnesota Legislature, as representative at large from Redwood and Brown counties. Fraternally Attorney Praxel is affiliated with the Masons, the Elks, the Knights of Pythias, and the Odd Fellows, in all of which he has taken a prominent part. The Knights of Pythias have signally honored him by electing him Grand Chancellor of the state of Minnesota and in this capacity he is doing most efficient service, having previously demonstrated his ability in the office of Vice Chancellor.

Alva D. Wyman, a mail carrier of Vesta, was born in Underwood township, Redwood county, Minn., July 10, 1886, son of Frederick A. and Janet (Barber) Wyman. He grew up on the home place and learned farming from his father, but at the age of eighteen met with a severe fall which incapacitated him for that kind of work. He then became carrier on the rural free delivery mail route from Vesta. He owns 160 acres in section 11, Underwood township. For two years he has served as village assessor. Mr. Wyman was married June 17, 1914, to Minnie Lemke, who was born March 17, 1886. He and his wife have one child, Harold, born June 27, 1915.

William J. Barber, a dealer in farm implements and automobiles at Vesta, was born in Vesta township, February 6, 1877, son of Thomas D. and Adelaide (Garry) Barber. The father was born in Canada and came to the United States in 1862, securing a homestead in the southwest quarter of section 6, Vesta township. There he lived until 1904, when he came to Vesta and subsequently resided here until his death in 1913, when he was



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64 years old. He served as township clerk for 18 years. His wife, Adelaide, now in her 57th year, makes her home at Redwood Falls. William J. Barber farmed in Vesta township from 1899 to 1902, after which he was engaged in the hardware and implement business in Vesta for four years. He then went into his present business, that of dealing in farm implements and automobiles. He handles the Ford cars. Like his father, interested in public affairs, he has served as village recorder for three years and for two years was a member of the council. Mr. Barber was united in marriage October 24, 1899, to Rosa Becker, who was born February 5, 1881, daughter of Herman and Amelia Becker. Her father, a native of Germany and a pioneer in Minnesota, is now a retired blacksmith and wagonmaker of Echo, Minn. Mr. and Mrs. Barber have two children: Lucile, aged 13 and Cecil, aged 11 years. The family attend the United Brethren church, of which they are members.

Harry Clifford Wood, owner and proprietor of the Vesta garage, was born in Cumberland county, Illinois, March 21, 1891, son of Elmer E. and Ellen (McGillivray) Wood. Elmer E. Wood was born in Ohio and came to Illinois when a child. In March, 1913, and he bought 160 acres of land in Vesta township, Redwood county, Minnesota, where he engaged in farming. Harry C. Wood remained at home with his parents until 1911, in which year he went to Kansas City, Mo., and worked in a garage. In March, 1915, he bought the Vesta garage and machine shop of E. T. Swenson, and on July 15 of the same year he moved into a new modern building, 50 by 75 feet, built of cement blocks and located on Front street, which had been erected for him by James McGregor. Here he does all kinds of repair work and steam vulcanizing. Mr. Wood is a member of the Presbyterian church. He was married January 18, 1914, to Daisy Peters, who was born May 21, 1894, daughter of Amos and Ida Peters. Mrs. Wood's father is proprietor of a restaurant at Mattoon, Ill.

George Leroy Crooks, manager of the Bingham elevator at Vesta, was born in Redwood Falls, June 28, 1882, son of George F. and Margaret (Penny) Crooks. The father, who erected the first brick building in Redwood Falls, died in North Yakima, Wash., at the age of sixty-two, December 23, 1911. His wife still lives in North Yakima. George Leroy Crooks in 1901 began working for the Bingham brothers, being employed in their grain business at New Ulm for nine months. He then became manager of their elevator at Vesta, a frame building with a capacity of 25,000 bushels. He has been clerk of the Vesta schools for four years. Fraternally he is affiliated with the I. O. O. F. Mr. Crooks was united in marriage June 26, 1912, to Florence E. Barber, who was born March 18, 1888, daughter of Thomas D. and Adelaide (Garry) Barber.

Charles Kuhfeld, of the Dahl and Kuhfeld garage of Vesta, was born in Sibley county, Minnesota, February 27, 1884, son of Charles and Paulina (Flotz) Kuhfeld. The father was a native of Germany who came to America in 1870, farming for a time in Sibley county and then moving to Redwood county, where he secured 240 acres in section 1, Westline township. He died there in 1909 at the age of 83 years. His wife is still living in Vesta. Charles operated the home farm in Westline township from 1898 to 1907 when he became its owner and resided on it until 1914. Then he retired to Vesta and in June, 1915, opened a garage in partnership with C. H. Whiting. July 15, that year, M. H. Dahl bought Mr. Whiting's interest and the firm is now known as Dahl and Kuhfeld. They handle automobile accessories and do garage work. Mr. Kuhfeld is the oldest of five children, having one brother and four sisters, namely: William, born April 16, 1886, who is connected with the railroad at Winthrop; Mary, who married Leopold Stoge, a farmer of Granite Rock township, Redwood county; Amelia, wife of Ed. Schwede, a farmer of Ward county, North Dakota; Martha, residing at home, and Elizabeth, who married Henry Bauer, a farmer of Vail township, Redwood county.

Martin H. Dahl, of the Dahl and Kuhfeld garage of Vesta, was born in Sacred Heart, Renville county, Minnesota, March 19, 1892, son of Halvor and Mathilda (Hanson) Dahl. The father was a native of Norway who came to America in 1882. He lived in Sacred Heart until 1894 when he bought 80 acres in Vesta township, Redwood county, where he remained until 1902 and then moved to Murray county, where he engaged in farming. His wife, Matilda, died in 1901. The children in the family were: Hannah, now wife of Martin Severson, a farmer of Springdale township, Redwood county; Martin H., subject of this sketch, and Henry, Louis and Sena. Martin H. Dahl remained at home until the spring of 1912, when he engaged in farming in Springdale township and was thus occupied for two years. Then he worked for two years in Vesta. July 15, 1915, he bought the garage. He is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church.

George I. Alexander, a rising young farmer of Vesta township, was born in section 12, this township, June 19, 1887, son of David and Catherine (Johnson) Alexander. David Alexander was born in Scotland and came to America when one and a half years old, his father, Adam Alexander, homesteading in the northeast quarter of section 12, Vesta township, Redwood county, Minnesota, in 1869. There he lived until 1887, when he moved to Redwood Falls and died. David homesteaded the northwest quarter of the same section and now owns 640 acres, including the homestead of his father. In 1901 he moved to Redwood Falls where he now resides. His wife, Catherine, was a native of Can-



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ada. There were nine children in the family: Lorena, now the wife of George Whittet, a farmer of Delhi township; Cora, who died in childhood; Ormie, a farmer of Vesta township; George I., subject of this memoir; one that died in infancy; Grace, now the wife of George Whittet, a farmer of Delhi township; Cora, who makes his home with George, and Charles and William, residing at home. George I. Alexander attended school in Redwood Falls and worked on his father's farm until the spring of 1910, when he rented 320 acres of his father's place and began farming for himself. He raises graded Polled Angus cattle and makes a specialty of feeding one carload of cattle for the market every year. He has built a good house and barn and made many improvements. Since 1908 he has been in the threshing business with his brother, Ormie. In addition to his holdings in Redwood county, he also owns 160 acres of land in Spink county, South Dakota. Mr. Alexander was married January 7, 1914, to Dora Williams, who was born July 6, 1887, daughter of William Williams, a pioneer farmer of Blue Earth county and keeper of Minneopa Park, who died in Mankato in 1914, at the age of 67 years, and his wife, Margaret (Olson) Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander have one child, Margaret June, born June 3, 1915.

Lars T. Braafladt, a retired farmer of Belview, and who was the first president of the Farmers State Bank of Belview, was born September 9, 1853, in Nummedal, Kristiania Stift, Norway, son of Tosten H. and Helga (Roon) Braafladt. The father, who was born in 1821, and whose life was spent in farming, died in 1869. He had been a widower for about six years, his wife, who was born in 1824, having passed away in 1863. Lars T. Braafladt came to America in 1875, locating in Swedes Forest township, Redwood county, Minnesota, where he found work as a farm hand and was thus engaged for two years. During the winters, however, he attended school. In 1877 he homesteaded 160 acres of land in Underwood township, this county. This he sold in 1884, buying 160 acres in another section of the same township. Later he increased his holdings by purchasing an additional tract of 80 acres. In 1886 he sold his farm and bought 190 acres in Kintire township, section 9, where he resided until 1913, continuing his farming operations. He then sold that property and took up his residence in Belview, where he bought a house and nine acres of land and is now engaged in farming this small tract. In 1910 Mr. Braafladt was one of the organizers of the Farmers State Bank of Belview and was its first president. While a resident of Underwood township he served three terms on the town board and he was a member of the town board of Kintire township for seven years. Religiously he is affiliated with the Norwegian Lutheran church. Mr. Braafladt was married in 1878 to Marie Heir, who was born in Norway, September

Henry A. Dreyer, a well-known business man of Belview, was born March 17, 1871, in Flora township, Renville county, Minnesota, son of Henry and Regina (Korth) Dreyer. Henry Dreyer was born March 11, 1828, in Germany, and came to America in 1852, locating at Freeport, Ill., where he worked with a railroad construction crew for two years. He then went to Watertown Wis., where he became a wagon maker and made sixty-two wagons by hand in the two years he remained there. One of these wagons was the first wagon in Rochester, Minn., in 1857. He then went to Le Sueur county, Minnesota, where he remained for ten years engaged in farming. In 1867 he went to Flora township, Renville county, and bought 160 acres of land. He lived there until 1901, when he retired to North Redwood and died December 23, 1906. His wife, Regina (Korth) Dreyer, was born June 24, 1833, in Germany, daughter of William Korth, who came to America in _____ and died _____ in Jefferson county, Wisconsin. Henry A. Dreyer remained at home until twenty-one years of age. He received his education in the common school of his neighborhood and in 1892 was graduated from the St. Paul College at St. Paul Park, Minn. He then acted as clerk in the general stores at Morton and Renville for two and a half years. At the end of that time he returned to the home farm and remained there until 1896. From 1896 to 1899 he worked as a carpenter and bought 160 acres in section 23, Kintire township, where he remained until 1908. Then he bought half interest in the hardware store of Sandager and Hegdal at Belview, but after three and a half years sold his interest to Sandager. He now sells and installs gas lighting plants for country homes. He has served as school clerk for two years and has been a member of the board of health for six years. Mr. Dreyer was married July 10, 1901, to Lydia E. Kohls, born

October 13, 1874, in Columbia County, Wisconsin. She was the daughter of Frederick Kohls, born January 1, 1840, in Germany, and came to America in 1870, and his wife, Anna C. (Bohl) Kohls, born February 14, 1851, in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Dreyer have one child: Forrest R., born August 12, 1902.

William G. Mahoney, of Wanda, Minn., who has been engaged in the draying and livery business since 1914, was born in Fairfax, Minn., September 12, 1885, son of Michael and Julia (Black) Mahoney, extensive farmers of that neighborhood. In his boyhood he attended the district schools and was reared on the home farm. In 1914 he was married to Marion Molitor, daughter of Steven and Margaret (Rock) Molitor, natives, respectively, of Iowa and Wisconsin and now farming in Renville county. Mr. Mahoney is a steady and industrious young man, well adapted to make a success of his present business. Michael Mahoney, father of William G., is an extensive land owner of Renville county. He was born in Ireland, came to this country as a young man and was married at Springfield to Julia Black, a native of Wisconsin. After their marriage they lived for a time at Redwood Falls, and then they located near Fairfax on a farm, where they owned a thrashing machine operated by horse-power. From a small start they made good progress and prospered until they owned 640 acres of land. A few years ago they moved to Granite Rock township, Redwood county, where they now own 540 acres. Michael Mahoney is a prominent man and has served on the school board. He and his good wife are the proud parents of thirteen children. The family faith is that of the Catholic church.

Christian Leuther, mayor of Wanda, was born in Germany, August 28, 1862, son of Hilary and Margaret (Grommes) Leuther. The parents spent their lives in Germany and died there, the father at the age of eighty-six and his wife at that of fifty-one. They had five children: Nicholas, Mary, Catherine, Christian and Johan, of whom Christian was the only one who came to America, which he did in 1893. In his native land he had been a farmer, and on arriving in the United States he came directly to Willow Lake township, this county, where he worked out for the farmers during the first year. The second year he was employed in a brick yard at Springfield. Then, in 1895, he bought a tract of 160 acres in section 26, Willow Lake township. He built a house 14 by 18 feet, set out a grove of trees in 1896 and later added a new barn. He carried on general farming, raised good stock and in time added 80 acres more to his farm. Moving to Wanda in 1901, he built the first hotel at that place, his interest in which he sold out in 1914. He also engaged in the meat business. In 1912 he was in the implement business. In 1914 Mr. Leuther built a fine modern house in Wanda. He was elected mayor of Wanda in 1904 and held the position ever since with the excep-

tion of one year. He is a stockholder and director of the State Bank of Wanda and is also a stockholder in the Wanda creamery. Mr. Leuther was married in Germany July 27, 1892, to Catherine Jennings, who was born March 13, 1865, daughter of Peter and Anna Catherine (Knauf) Jennings, who lived and died in Germany as farmers. They had seven children: Eva, Mary, Gertrude, Mathew, Anna Mary, John and Anna Catherine. Of these, the present Mrs. Leuther and her brother John were the only ones to come to the United States. They came first in 1883 but returned to Germany in 1886 when she was married to Mr. Leuther. Mr. and Mrs. Leuther have seven children: Hilary, Gertrude, now of the Sisters; Nicholas, John, Margaret, Ludwina and Peter. The family faith is that of the Roman Catholic church.

Frank Altermatt was born in Buffalo county, Wisconsin, May 18, 1854, son of John B. and Dorethea Altermatt, natives of Germany, who, coming to America, engaged in farming in Wisconsin. After a time the family came to Minnesota, locating eight miles east of Springfield, where they bought land and where the parents lived for the rest of their lives. There were eleven children in the family, of whom Frank was the fourth oldest in order of birth. He was nine years old when he arrived in Minnesota and grew to manhood in this state. He worked for two years in Owatonna and then located on 160 acres of wild land in Willow Lake township, which he homesteaded in 1875. He has made many improvements on his place and has increased his land holdings from time to time, so that now he has over 560 acres. He retired from active work and moved to Springfield in the spring of 1915. Mr. Altermatt married Freda Schneider, a native of Germany, and the children born of this union are: George, F. H., John, Minnie, Elizabeth, Augusta, Rosa and an unnamed infant. The family faith is that of the Lutheran church.

Otto C. Kuehn, a prominent merchant of Wanda, was born in Sigel township, Brown county, May 5, 1875, son of John and Doretha (Schumacher) Kuehn, who had located there in 1863 and engaged in farming. During the first year they rented a farm and then bought one of 160 acres at \$12 an acre. All they owned to begin farming with was an ox team. Building a rude sod house, they began the strenuous work of improvement, enduring all the hardships of pioneers in a new country. For three years the grasshoppers destroyed their crops. A grove was set out and in time conditions improved so that now they have a fine farm and a modern house. They were members of the Lutheran church and in the early days religious services were often held in their sod hut. Otto C. Kuehn was the fifth of eleven children and received his early education in the district school. He grew to manhood on his father's farm and learned the trade



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of buttermaking in the local creamery, also taking a course in the dairy school at St. Paul. Later he operated the creamery at Wanda, when it was first built, and after four years went to Clements and operated a creamery there for a year and a half. Then he returned to Wanda and in January, 1907, became sole proprietor of a mercantile business, handling a full line of general merchandise. Mr. Kuehn is a member of the fire department and has served as mayor of the village one year. Mr. Kuehn married Minnie Altermatt, daughter of Frank Altermatt. She was born May 1, 1888, in the village of Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. Kuehn have seven children born, as follows: Elmer, June 26, 1904; Herbert, May 3, 1906; John Elden, Feb. 29, 1908; Dorothy, Oct. 9, 1910; Evelyn, Aug. 17, 1912; Myrtle, Oct. 18, 1913, and Norma, June 21, 1915.

Frederick John Benz, a retired farmer of Wanda, was born in Saxony, Germany, September 26, 1845, son of John and Elizabeth (Remely) Benz, who lived and died in Germany. His father was a weaver by trade. The children in the family were: Elizabeth, Wilhelmina, Dorethea, Frederica, Augusta, Frederick and Henry. Frederick J. Benz acquired his education in Germany and learned the trade of a carpenter. He was a soldier from 1867 to 1869 and took part in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-1, being a member of Battalion Regiment No. 4. He was the only one of his family to come to the United States, which he did in 1884 with his wife and two boys, William and Frank. He settled at Jamestown, Ill., but after a short time went to Fond du Lac, Wis., where he engaged in farming on a rented place. In 1893 he came to Minnesota and rented a farm in Westline township, Redwood county. In 1895 he bought a farm of 120 acres in section 32, Granite Rock township, which he improved and operated until 1901. He then sold out and removed to Waterbury township, where he bought a tract of 160 acres in section 4. Here he remained until 1914 in which year he sold the farm and retired from active work, taking up his residence in Wanda. While living in Westline township he served one year on the school board. Mr. Benz was married April 30, 1872, to Wilhelmina Kotzbau, who was born February 10, 1850, daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (Schleisener) Kotzbau, natives of Germany, her father being a workman in the lumber industry. There were nine children in the Kotzbau family: Frederick, Elizabeth, Dorethea, Wilhelmina, August, Wilhelm, Gustave, and two who died in infancy. Elizabeth and Wilhelmina were the only members of the family to come to the United States. Elizabeth came in 1868, locating in Illinois, where she was married to August Mewves, a farmer of that state.

Frank Benz, son of Frederick J. and Wilhelmina (Kotzbau) Benz, was born July 4, 1880, in Germany and grew up on his

father's farm in Minnesota. He remained at home and took charge of the place until 1914 when he engaged in business. He is a stockholder in the creamery at Wanda. He served as justice of the peace of Waterbury for two years.

Mathias J. Eichten, postmaster of Wanda, was born on his father's homestead in Willow Lake township, this county, February 13, 1879, son of Mathias and Gertrude Eichten. He grew up to manhood on his father's farm and received his education in the district school. Then he engaged in farming until twenty-one years of age when, in the fall of 1900, he entered the hardware and lumber business in partnership with his father and his uncle, Valentine P. Eichten. Their store, which was the first hardware store in that locality, was operated under the name of Eichten Bros. Mathias later took over his father's share, sold out the lumber yard, bought the hardware stock, and in 1906 became the sole owner of the business. He carries a full line of hardware and harness. He is also a stockholder in the local creamery. In 1906 Mr. Eichten was appointed postmaster, which position he has held ever since. During the last seven years he has held the office of assessor. Mr. Eichten was united in marriage to Magdalene Ludwig, born at Barnesville, near Sleepy Eye, Minn., daughter of Peter Ludwig, who came from Wisconsin and located in Brown county. Six children were born to this union, Lucille, Bertrand, Loraine, Gladys, Vernon and Wendelin.

Ernest Fred Aufderheide, of Willow Lake township, was born in Prussia, Germany, September 27, 1851, son of Jacob and Sophia (Beinke) Aufderheide, farmers of Germany. Jacob Aufderheide died in his native land at the age of fifty-six and his wife was left with five children: Frederica, Berdina, Sophia, Ernest and Fred. Frederica was the first to emigrate to the United States, locating in Cincinnati, Ohio, where she married a Mr. Roseveldt and subsequently died. Berdina also went to Cincinnati, where she married William Wielhoff. Subsequently she moved to New Ulm, Minn., and still later to Minneapolis, where she died. Fred located in Cincinnati, whence he moved to New Ulm, where he still resides. Sophia and her mother came to New Ulm in 1882. Ernest F. Aufderheide grew to manhood in Germany and engaged in farming. After coming to the United States he located in New Ulm, where he worked with his brother in the brick yard. After being twenty years in this occupation, he decided to return to farming and, having rented a farm, engaged in his old occupation. At present he rents a farm of 320 acres and specializes in stock raising, keeping Durham cattle, Poland China hogs and Percheron horses. He also raises a considerable quantity of grain. His religious affiliations are with the Lutheran church, in which he has held office. Mr. Aufderheide was married in Germany to Frederica Wilhelmina Hergemuller, a native of Prussia, and they be-

came the parents of seven children: Fred, Gustav, Lena, Bertha, Albert, Henry and George. Mrs. Aufderheide died in 1897 at the age of thirty-seven years and is buried at New Ulm.

Henry G. Evans, a prominent farmer of Willow Lake township, son of Henry and Anna (Ramsey) Evans, was born and grew to manhood in Minnesota, receiving a meagre education at the district log school. He secured a homestead of 80 acres in section 24, Willow Lake township, and began farming with an ox team, building a small frame house. By dint of hard work he acquired a fine home and property and has built barns, set out groves, and added 120 acres more to his land. He raises good stock. He was married to Laura Wandy of Cottage Grove, Minn., who died in 1907, leaving a family of children. Henry Evans was of the typical pioneer stock and came to New York state from England as a young man. He was married in that state to Anna Ramsey, a native of Ireland, coming as a young girl with her sister to New York state. Henry Evans and wife left New York for Michigan and then went to Indiana and Illinois. In 1862 they came to Minnesota, locating ten miles southwest of New Ulm, where he bought 160 acres of wild land and built a log house, hauling the logs from the river three miles away. Into this cabin he moved with his family of seven children and lived there three or four years, when he sold out and went to Missouri. During the Indian outbreak in 1862 the family went to Hastings. In 1871 he came back to Minnesota, settling near Sleepy Eye and soon after came to Willow Lake township, Redwood county, where he secured a homestead of 160 acres of wild land in section 24. He built a home of logs, sawed on the river, and began farming with an ox team. He also set out groves and erected good buildings. One of the organizers of Willow Lake township, he held various offices and also served on the school board. In 1900 he sold his farm in Willow Lake township and moved to Alberta, Canada, where he secured land which he improved and fenced, at the time of his death owning over a section.

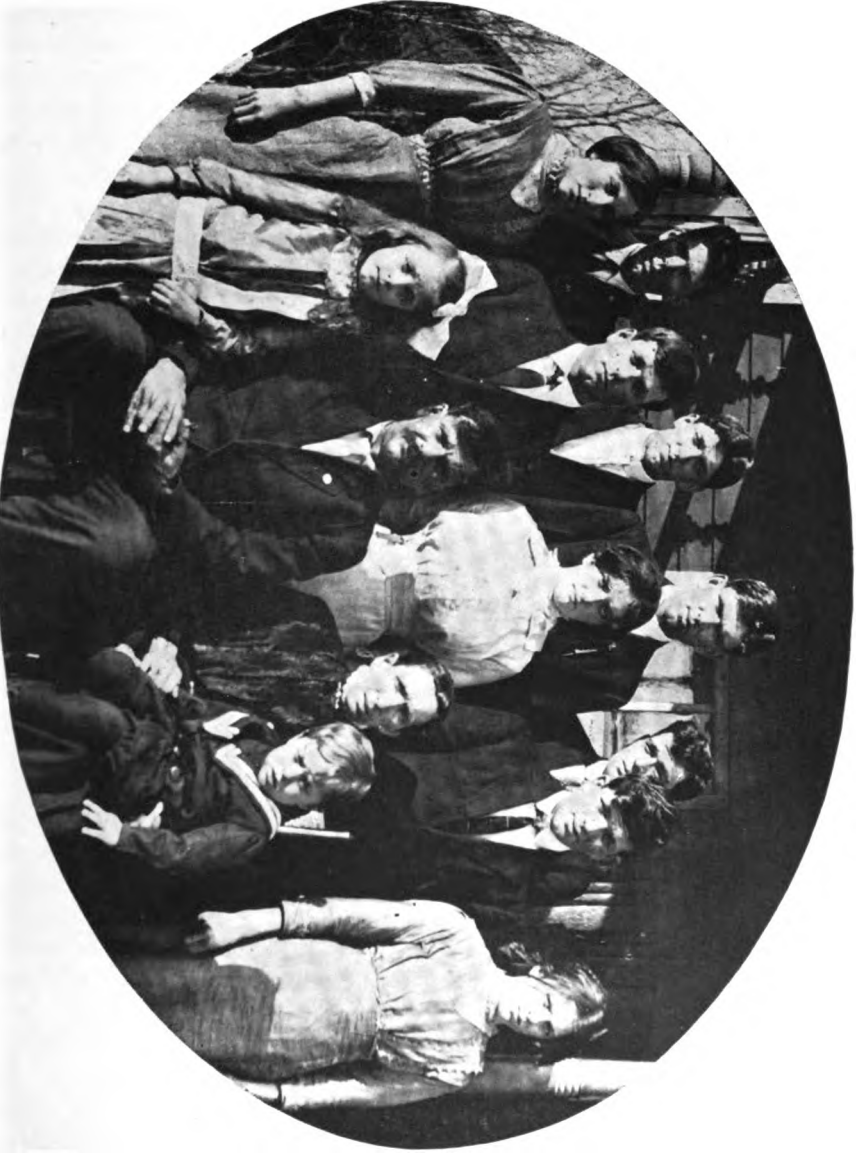
Henry Berg, Sr., was born May 1, 1865, in Brown county and moved to Redwood county when twenty-two years of age, buying 160 acres of land in section 12, Willow Lake township. To this he has made additions from time to time until he now has 440 acres. Among his early improvements were a two-acre grove, a small house and a straw barn. In 1902 he built a new house and also a barn. He was one of the organizers of the township's first school and is a shareholder in the Wanda Creamery. For many years he served as road overseer. Henry Berg, Sr., was married October 25, 1887, to Mary Stelzer, born February 22, 1866, in Germany, who came to America when nineteen years old. Mr. and Mrs. Berg have had fourteen children: Henry, John, William, Theodore, Albert, Leonard, Maggie, Laura, Rosa, Helen, George

and three deceased, Maggie, Elsie and an unnamed infant. The family faith is that of the Catholic church.

Henry Berg, a rising young farmer of Willow Lake township, Redwood county, was born in this county, September 25, 1888, son of Henry and Mary (Stelzer) Berg. He lives with his parents on the home place, where he has spent his entire life helping his father. He owns considerable stock and is a stockholder in the Wanda Creamery and also in the Farmers Elevator Company.

Peter Berg, a farmer of Willow Lake township, was born February 18, 1861, in Bond county, Illinois, son of Henry and Frances (Ohren) Berg, both natives of Germany. Henry Berg, born March 6, 1830, came to the United States when twenty-six years of age and for about ten months worked out by the day. He then rented a farm in Illinois and operated it until 1862, when he removed from that state to Minnesota, locating in Brown county. In 1864 he enlisted in the Minnesota Heavy Artillery, Company M. After the war he returned to Brown county, where he resided until his death in 1897. In 1855 he had married Frances Ohren, born in Germany, January 6, 1838, who came to the United States when twelve years of age. They had eighteen children, eight of whom are now dead, the survivors being: Henry, Bertha, Frank, John, William, Herman, Tony, Fred, Margaret and Peter. Peter Berg came to Minnesota with his parents, living at home until twenty-eight years of age. Buying 160 acres of land in section 14, Willow Lake township, this county, he, in 1886, built a house on it, 20x26 feet, which has since been improved and enlarged so that it is now a substantial and commodious eight-room dwelling. A barn was built in 1909. Mr. Berg has been chairman of the township board for twenty-seven years and has served on the school board for eighteen years. He is a shareholder in the Wanda Creamery and also in the elevator at Rowena. Mr. Berg was married March 4, 1889, to Mary Brown, who was born in Austria, June 16, 1868. Coming to this country with her parents when an infant, she resided in Brown county until her marriage. She and her husband have been the parents of a large family, namely: Frederick, Anthel (deceased), Frank, Anthel (second), Herman (deceased), Peter, Minnie, Herman (second), Frances, Mary, Margaret, Anne and Augusta. The members of this family belong to the Catholic church.

Leo Altermatt, now deceased, was born in Buffalo county, Wisconsin, and when a small child moved with his parents to Leavenworth township, Brown county, Minnesota, seven miles southeast of Springfield. His opportunities for attending school were limited, but he grew to manhood on his father's place, and acquired a good knowledge of farming, in which industry he engaged. In 1871 he moved to Willow Lake township, Redwood county, locating on an 80 acre homestead in section 22. Here



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he built a small shanty close to the north and south line but later moved it to its present fine location on a slight elevation. He began to break up the land with horses, and set out groves, bringing trees from the home in Leavenworth township. During the grasshopper plague he lost his crops. He raised Galloway cattle and was also a great sheep raiser, keeping the Shropshire and Merino breeds. Besides making considerable additions to the acreage of his farm, he bought and sold land in both Redwood county and in Dakota. A prominent man in public affairs, he served as assessor and also as county commissioner—the latter for about eight years. He was also usefully active in promoting the construction of good roads and bridges and in organizing school district No. 32, of which he became the treasurer. In 1901 he moved to Wabasso, where he was identified with the Farmers Insurance company, being also a stockholder in the telephone company and in the Wabasso Farmers Elevator Company. His death took place June 30, 1914, when he was sixty-five years old. Mr. Altermatt was married in New Ulm to Anna Gorres, of which union seven children were born: Mary, Emil, Anna (now deceased), Clara, Dora, Gertrude and Herman. The family faith is that of the Catholic church.

Emil Altermatt was born April 24, 1875, on the old Altermatt farm, which he now owns, and grew up to manhood there. He attended the public school and also the agricultural department of the state university. Mr. Altermatt raises Galloway and Shorthorn cattle, Belgian horses and Duroc Red swine. He has served as treasurer of the school board of District 32. He was married November 24, 1903, to Katherine Weyker, who was born at St. Peter, Minn., January 23, 1880, daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Michael) Weyker. Mr. and Mrs. Altermatt have had five children: Valerious, born August 26, 1904; Sylvester, born January 19, 1906; Aloysius, born September 7, 1908; Mary, born August 9, 1911, who died the same day; Dora, born February, 1913, and Isadore, born June 16, 1915.

Andrew Andersen, a farmer of Willow Lake township, was born in Denmark, April 13, 1868, son of Andrew Nelson, a carpenter, and his wife, Marie (Larson) Nelson, who lived and died in Denmark. The father died at the age of forty-eight years and his wife, at that of seventy. In accordance with an old Scandinavian custom, Andrew Andersen derived his surname from his father's given name Andrew. He acquired his education in the common school of his locality and worked on the farms until he was twenty-three years of age, when he immigrated to the United States. Landing in New York from a steamer of the White Star Line, he continued his journey to Sundown township, this county, where he had friends. His first work in this new country was on the farm of William C. Meyer. After working out on farms

for about three years, he rented one of 120 acres in section 10, Sundown township. He had saved \$350, and with this sum bought a team and two cows. After a time he purchased his present place of 80 acres in section 35. There was a small building on it but no fence and no grove, and many other improvements were needed. Mr. Andersen immediately set out a grove, began fencing and erected good substantial buildings. In time he also added 40 acres more to his land. Besides carrying on general farming, he is a member of the Farmers Elevator Company at Sanborn and of the Farmers Store. In 1894 Mr. Andersen was married to Caroline Rasmussen, who was born in Denmark in 1866. The children of this union were: Mary, Agnes, Christine, Emma, Alva and James, the last mentioned being now deceased. The family faith is that of the Lutheran church.

Frank Bruckbauer, a successful farmer of Willow Lake township, was born in Germany, April 10, 1867. His mother, born in Germany in 1839, came to the United States in 1888, locating in Sleepy Eye, Brown county, Minnesota where she secured work. In time she saved enough to buy a small house, which she sold after five years, buying 80 acres of land in section 11, Willow Lake township, Redwood county. From time to time improvements were made on this land, which she sold to her son Frank in 1897, afterwards making her home with her son John. Frank Bruckbauer started farming on the land which he bought from his mother. At the time he owned two horses, a small house 14x16 and a straw barn. He has since prospered and in 1914 he built a comfortable seven-room house and also a barn 28x40 feet in dimension. He set out his own grove and orchard, besides a large number of shade trees, his orchard consisting of plum, apple and pear trees. Aside from this, he is a stockholder in the Wanda Creamery and also in the Farmers Elevator Company at Rowena. Mr. Bruckbauer was married February 19, 1897, to Mary Dussel, who was born in Germany, November 13, 1876, and who came to the United States when nineteen years of age, working her way over on the steamer. Mr. and Mrs. Bruckbauer have had the following children: Frank, Andrew, Bertha, Joseph (deceased), Rosa, Francis, Clara and Elsie. The family church is the Catholic.

Edward Dooner, a well known farmer of Willow Lake township, was born in Longford county, Ireland, March 31, 1841, son of John and Catherine (Gente) Dooner. John Dooner brought his wife and his two sons, James and Edward, to Canada in 1844, and in 1872 came to the United States and settled on a homestead in Willow Lake township, this county. It was all wild land hereabouts and there were no buildings within eighteen or twenty miles. A grove was set out and other improvements soon followed. Here John Dooner lived the rest of his life. The family faith was



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that of the Roman Catholic church and in the early days mass was often held at his home. He helped to organize the first church of St. Mathias parish and also served on the township board for a number of years. In 1873 Edward Dooner came and secured his present place near Wanda. Among his first improvements was a granary, 14x16 feet, which he covered with hay. He broke ground with a four ox team for himself and his neighbors and, November 6, 1876, moved into his granary until he could build a home. During the grasshopper plague his crops were destroyed and he had to work out for a living. Mr. Dooner was married to Mary J. Bagen, who was born in Jefferson county, Wisconsin, March 14, 1852, daughter of John and Bridget (McGuire) Bagen, who were natives of Ireland. Her father, at the age of eighteen, came to the United States in a sailing vessel with his parents, Michael and Margaret (Kelly) Bagen. Landing at Hartford, Conn., they remained in Connecticut for four years, and then moved to Watertown, Wis., where they lived on a homestead. John Bagen later moved to Jefferson county, where he obtained some government land. In 1874 he came to Minnesota, locating on a homestead in Burns township, Brown county. There the rest of the family, with the exception of the mother, who died in Wisconsin, joined him, and there he spent the rest of his life. A prominent man in that section, in the early days he held township offices and served also as county commissioner. He owned part of the site of Springfield and helped to lay out the town, also donating ground for the Catholic church and parochial school. He died in 1903 and is buried at Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dooner have six children: Edward, James, Charles, Margaret M., William Vincent and Robert. Religiously the family belongs to the Roman Catholic church.

Ephraim H. Evans, a prosperous farmer of Willow Lake township, was born in Sigel township, Brown county, November 22, 1864. Reared on his father's farm, he acquired a practical knowledge of agriculture, but his educational opportunities were limited. In time he started out for himself, homesteading 80 acres of wild land in section 24, where he began independent farming. He had one horse, whose first colt he traded for a wagon and the second for a cow and calf. Securing lumber at Redwood Falls, in two days he had completed a house 12x16 feet and 10 feet high. He also set out a grove, obtaining the slips from the Minnesota river land. These improvements were made in 1886. Three and a half acres, broken by his brother George the first year, had been sown into wheat, which yielded thirty-three bushels to the acre. Of this he saved some for seed, selling the rest at 80 cents a bushel. The second year he put in ten acres of wheat and eight acres of oats. During this early period he worked very hard. When harvest time came he would work in his own fields at night

and during the day would help his neighbors for the use of their machines. One morning before seven o'clock he had dug a well for water, eight feet deep. In time he added 80 acres of railroad land to his farm and made many other additions and improvements to his land and buildings, enlarging and remodeling his house so that now it is one of the finest residences in the whole county. He carries on diversified farming, and is also interested in the Farmers Store of Sanborn. Mr. Evans was married July 4, 1885, to Flora Ross, who was born June 27, 1868, near Golden Gate, Minn., daughter of Walter and Sarah Ross. Her parents, who were of Welsh and English descent, had nine daughters and one son. Mr. Ross ran a ferry across the Blue Earth river and one day the only son fell into the river and was drowned. Mrs. Flora Evans died July 9, 1902, leaving the following children: Bessie, Nettie, Rose, Mamie, Flossie, Victor, Myrtie, Francis and Jennie, the last mentioned being now deceased. Mr. Evans married for his second wife Anna Smith May, who was born in Le Sueur county, Minnesota, July 28, 1864, daughter of Peter and Catherine (Molliter) Smith, both natives of Germany. Her father, when eleven years of age, came with his parents to Wisconsin. Later he moved to Le Sueur county, Minnesota, where he engaged in farming. He afterwards came to Redwood county, where he subsequently resided until his death. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Smith were: Peter, Ernest, Nicholas, Marie, Emma, Catherine and Anna. Anna Smith first married John May, a native of Michigan, and son of Conrad and Ena (Reise) May. His parents were natives of Germany who located in Michigan and then became pioneers of Le Sueur county, Minnesota. John May died January, 1900, leaving five children: Alice, Margaret, Conrad, George and Catherine. The children by Mr. Evans second marriage have been as follows: Ephraim (now deceased), George, Ernest, Clinton, Otis, Leone and Evelyn.

John Gorres, now deceased, was born August 15, 1847, in the Province of Rhine, Germany. He was the first of the family to come to the United States, locating in Roberts, Wis., where he was engaged in the dray business for about two years. There his brother, Mathias, joined him. Then coming to Minnesota, he located in Stillwater, where he resided for a short time. He then homesteaded 80 acres of wild land in section 28, Willow Lake township, Redwood county, and here began farming with an ox team. He built a frame house 14x28 feet, which is now used as an oat granary, and also built a straw shed and set out a grove. Mr. Gorres endured all the hardships of pioneer life in a wild and unsettled country, being lost in snow storms, having his crops destroyed by the grasshoppers and being afflicted with other troubles incident to those early days. Redwood Falls was the nearest milling place. He erected all the buildings on his place,

and in 1895 built a modern house. An extensive land owner, he had 680 acres of land in one piece, besides a quarter section one mile east (in section 35), and 280 acres in Lamberton township. As a grain raiser he ranked among the leading farmers, having a yield of three or four thousand bushels a year. He also had a high reputation as a stock raiser, specializing in Shorthorn and Durham cattle, Belgian horses and Chester White swine. He was influential in having the county ditch No. 7 constructed for draining the land. Mr. Gorres was married in 1875 to Frances Evans, and ten children were born to this happy union: Maggie, Emma (deceased), John (deceased), Henry, Mathias, Anna, Charles, William (deceased), Frank (deceased) and Gertrude. The family faith is that of the Catholic church. Mr. Gorres died September 6, 1913, at Wanda. His wife survived him less than two years, passing away July 2, 1915, at the age of fifty-seven.

Henry Gorres, son of John and Frances (Evans) Gorres, was born on the old homestead in Willow Lake township, Redwood county, December 31, 1880. He attended the public school and grew to manhood on the home place. Then he began farming for himself, renting land from his father. He now owns 160 acres of the old homestead and farms 160 acres of his sister's land and also 40 acres belonging to his brother, Mathias. He raises good stock, keeping the same kinds as his father did, and is a member of the local creamery. Mr. Gorres was married May 17, 1910, to Josephine Starken, who was born in Brown county, daughter of Peter and Mary Starken, natives of Germany and of Indiana, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Gorres have three children: Clarence, Milton and Agnes.

Mathias M. Jenniges, a farmer of Willow Lake township, was born November 11, 1884, on the homestead of his father in section 20, Willow Lake township, this county. He received his education at the district school, and after growing to manhood, engaged in farming. At first he located on part of his father's holdings in section 6, where he farmed for seven years. He made many improvements on the place and did considerable tiling, this being the first work of his brother, Peter Jenniges, who is engaged in the ditching and tiling business. In the fall of 1915 he located on the homestead in section 20, where he now farms 360 acres of land, and also raises good stock. He is laying down a mile and a half of tiling on the farm, using about five carloads of tile. Mr. Jenniges is at present serving as township clerk, having been first appointed to fill the vacancy caused by his father's death, the father having held this office for many years. He was re-elected at the spring election of 1916. He is a shareholder in the Farmers Elevator Company at Wabasso, Minn. Mr. Jenniges was married October 13, 1908, to Anna Turbes, who was born on her father's homestead in Willow Lake township, Novem-

ber 23, 1886. He and his wife are the parents of five children: Marcella Anna, Aloysius Christian, Matilda Gertrude, Edmund Mathias and Mathia Valentine. Religiously the family belongs to the Catholic church.

Athanas Henle was born in Erbach, Wurttemberg, Germany, December 6, 1829, where he grew to manhood and learned the carpenter's trade. In 1853 he came to the United States by sailing vessel and located in Chicago, where he remained one year. Then journeying on to Minnesota, he halted eight miles northwest of section 5, Milford township, Brown county, on the southern side of the Minnesota, where he decided to remain. It was a wild country, occupied largely by Indians, with whom he became very friendly. At the time of the outbreak, in 1862, he with others fled to New Ulm. Mr. Henle became a prominent citizen of his locality, serving on the township board and on the school board. He was married in 1855 to Elizabeth Fink, who was born in Erbach, Wurttemberg, Germany, March 22, 1831, and came to the United States in 1853 with a sister and brother-in-law, the latter being a Mr. Zettel, who located near Mr. Henle's place. The whole Zettel family was killed by the Indians during the outbreak. The parents of Elizabeth Fink came to Minnesota a few years later and located near the rest of the family on the Minnesota river. They were both killed in the outbreak, with twenty-two others that belonged to that family. It was these people who gave the name to New Ulm, they having come from near Ulm in Germany. Mr. Henle died at New Ulm in 1893 and was survived a number of years by his wife, who died October 6, 1907. Their children were: Mary, living at Redwood Falls; Martin, who is deceased; Crescentia, wife of Frank X. Schlumpberger; Athanas, John, Anton and Joseph (deceased). The family faith is that of the Catholic church.

Frank X. Schlumpberger, of the J. H. Queel & Co., a lumber company, of Wanda, was born in Cottonwood township, Brown county, Minn., March 19, 1865, son of John and Agatha (Rohner) Schlumpberger. The father was born in Hansen, Oberamt Herdenheim, Wurttemberg, Germany, October 28, 1836, son of Christ and Ursula (Zimmermann) Schlumpberger. John Schlumpberger emigrated to the United States in 1861, the voyage by sailing vessel taking 24 days. On landing in this country he came directly to New Ulm, Minnesota, where he became bartender at the Dakota House, and was thus employed when the Indian hostilities broke out. He took part in the defense against the savages, and in October, 1862, joined the First Minnesota Mounted Rangers and served with them for a year, being present at the hanging of the Indians at Mankato. After this he was employed in a brewery until 1864. Marrying in that year, he located on a tract of 120 acres in section 5, Cottonwood township, Brown county.

Ten acres of the land had been broken and there was an old log house on the place into which he moved with his wife. The nearest milling place was at Mankato. For four successive seasons the grasshoppers destroyed his crops, but he was persevering and industrious and finally conquered success. Prominent in public affairs, he held township office, rendering useful service on the school board. He was married June, 1864, to Agatha Rohner, who was born in the Tyrol, Austria, November 14, 1843, daughter of John George Rohner. Her father later emigrated to America, her mother, Mary (Schneider) Rohner, dying in Germany. Mrs. John Schlumpberger came to the United States in 1853 with her aunt and uncle. They located in Ohio the first year and in 1856 came to Brown county, Minnesota, after reaching Dubuque, traveling with an ox team. Mr. and Mrs. John Schlumpberger have now retired from active work and are enjoying the remaining years of their life at New Ulm. They have had twelve children: five sons and seven daughters, all of whom are living with the exception of one son. Frank X. Schlumpberger, who is the eldest of these twelve children, was reared on the parental homestead. He acquired his early education in the district school in Cottonwood township, later attended school at Mankato, and for about ten years subsequently was engaged in teaching in Brown county. Coming to Redwood county in 1902, he located in Clements, where he was engaged in the lumber business until 1907, also serving for three years as clerk of the school board. In the year last mentioned he moved to Wanda and engaged in the lumber business with J. H. Queel and Co. Here also he has held public office, having been a member of the village board and having also served four years as school clerk. Mr. Schlumpberger was married to Mrs. Crescentia Henle Weisensee, widow of Joe Weisensee and daughter of Athanas Henle, born in Milford, Brown county. By her first marriage there is one child, Elizabeth, who was married January 28, 1913, to John Moelter, of Wanda, who is in the dray business. Mr. and Mrs. Schlumpberger have five children: John, Florence, Emil, Frank and Lucy.

Nicholas Moelter was born in Germany, March 23, 1853, son of Mat. and Anna Catherina (Knauf) Moelter. His mother died at the age of 28 years, when Nicholas was four years old, and left three children: John, Nicholas and Barbara, who died at the age of four years. In 1872, the father, with John and Nicholas, emigrated to the United States, the voyage by steamer taking thirteen days. They first settled in Chicago, where they remained four years. Then Mr. Moelter returned to Germany where, after remaining about a year, he was taken sick and died at the age of fifty-four. The son John is now in Wathena, Kansas. Nicholas Moelter received his schooling in Germany and while in Chicago did whatever kind of work he was able to get. After four

years he went to La Salle, Ill., where he worked in the coal mines for three years. In 1878 he came to Minnesota, locating in Sigel township, Brown county. After a short time he secured a homestead of 80 acres of wild land in section 22, Willow Lake township, Redwood county. Two acres of this land were broken, but there were no buildings, and Redwood Falls was the nearest milling place. He built a rude shack, 12 by 14 feet and ten feet high, into which he and his wife moved. He owned very little in the way of farm equipment to start with and had only two cows. However, the neighbors helped him until he was able to get a team of horses. His wife spun the yarn needed for stockings, caps and mittens. Mr. Moelter set out a grove and gradually made improvements until now he has a well-cultivated farm of 400 acres, a nice residence and good farm buildings. He has held township offices and has served on the school board.

Mr. Moelter was married April 7, 1879, to Margaret Jenniges, who was born October 16, 1859, in Germany, daughter of Christian and Mary (Brauer) Jenniges. In 1869 the parents with their six children, came to America and located near New Ulm, Sigel township, Brown county, Minn., where they had secured land and where they resided for about 11 years. They then moved to Willow Lake township, Redwood county, purchasing 80 acres of wild railroad land in section 23, to which they later added 80 acres more. Here they set out groves, erected buildings and lived out the rest of their lives. Mr. Jenniges died in 1895, at the age of 69, and his wife in 1891, at the age of 65 years. Mr. and Mrs. Moelter have had fifteen children: Mary, Anna, Katie, Margaret, Mat, John, William, Nicholas, Susan, Julia, George, Beno, Christ and two who died in infancy. The family faith is that of the Catholic church.

William C. Meyer, a successful farmer of Willow Lake township, was born in Denmark, October 1, 1862, son of Julius and Frederica (Book) Meyer. His parents emigrated to America in 1871, bringing with them their family of five children; Amelia, Emma, William C., Hans F., and Christian, who is now deceased. They came first to New Ulm, Brown county, Minn., and then settled in Nicollet county, where they remained three years renting the farm of Christian Book, a relative. One child was born there, but died in infancy, and the mother died at the age of thirty-five. Mr. Meyer was married again to Barbara Rotnam, of Norway, who came to the United States about the same time that Mr. Meyer did, locating in Goodhue county, Minn. Then the family moved to Redwood county and located on a homestead in section 32, Sundown township, where they obtained 80 acres of wild land. A rude house of rough lumber was built and plastered with clay. A hole was dug in the hillside, covered with rails and straw and used for a barn. An ox team was used to

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break the land. The nearest market was Redwood Falls. Mr. Meyer set out a grove of trees and in time erected many substantial buildings, carrying on general farming. He became sufficiently prominent to serve one term as township supervisor. The family faith was that of the Lutheran church and many of the early services were held at his home. Mr. Meyer also assisted in the building of the Sundown township Scandinavian Lutheran church, located in section 28, and served as its trustee. He died in 1906 at the age of 71 years. The children of his second marriage were: Engebret, Anna, Peter, Guri, and Frederica, who is now deceased. The mother died September, 1915. William C. Meyer attended school in Denmark for about two years, but after his arrival in America found little time to continue his education. He assisted his father and remained at home till 24 years of age. Then he located on 80 acres of wild school land in section 36, Willow Lake township, which he had bought in 1884. A small frame house, 20 by 14 feet and 10 feet high, was built and roofed with straw. A rude barn of rough boards, 14 by 16 feet in size, with hay on top, was built for the horses. He started farming with four cows, a team of horses and a colt. As time passed he made many improvements, set out a fine grove, and built a comfortable eleven-room house. He now operates 440 acres of land, carrying on general farming and stock-raising and keeping a good grade of stock. In addition to the property above mentioned, which constitutes the home farm, he owns 160 acres of land in section 22, Willow Lake township; 160 acres in North Star township, Brown county, and 160 acres in Norman county, Minnesota. Mr. Meyer has held office on the school board since the district was organized twenty years ago. He is a director of the Sanborn Farmers' Elevator Company, and of the Farmers' Store and a stockholder in the Farmers' Bank of Sanborn and in the Springfield Telephone Company.

Mr. Meyer was united in marriage May 7, 1886, to Anna Hojem, who was born in Norway, June 4, 1862, daughter of Lars and Goranna Hojem. Her parents emigrated from Norway to Iowa in 1869, with their four children, Grace, John, Anna and Theodore. After remaining in Iowa two years, they came in 1871 to Minnesota, when another child, Louis, was born.

The trip from Iowa had been made by ox team, the children driving the calves and cows and walking most of the way. They located on a homestead of 80 acres in section 28, Sundown township, Redwood county. Here a dugout was built in the side of a hill and covered with sod. The nearest market was New Ulm and often wheat for family use was ground in the coffee mill. The mother spun wool into yarn to make stockings, caps and mittens for the family. Mr. Hojem, who was one of the early settlers in the locality, helped to organize the township, held the

office of treasurer on the township board and also helped to organize the district school and served as a member of the school board. A leading church member, he donated half an acre of land to the church, of which he was one of the trustees, Rasmus Jensen also donating half an acre. Mr. and Mrs. Hojem owned 240 acres of land at the time of their death. He died in the fall of 1895 at the age of 75 and his wife in 1911 at the age of 82 years. Mr. and Mrs. William C. Meyer are the parents of nine children: Julius, who married Lenora Leberg and resides in Norman county, Minnesota; Lydia (Mrs. H. Hemmingson, residing in Sundown township); Lars, who married Lillian Puck and resides in North Star township, Brown county; Fred, Emil, Tilda, William T., Anna and Leander. Mr. Meyer and his family belong to the Lutheran church, of which he has been treasurer and a trustee for many years.

Knute O. Olson, one of Redwood county's pioneer settlers, now deceased, was born in Norway, October 20, 1846, son of Ole and Christina Olson, who lived on their farmstead called Odden. In 1852 they came to the United States by sailing vessel—the voyage taking about 17 weeks—and located on a farm near Eau Claire, Wis., where they engaged in agriculture. From this farm three boys went to war and died on the battlefield. Later Ole Olson brought his family to Goodhue county, Minnesota, making the journey with an ox team. Locating in Bell Creek township on a tract of wild land, he put up a log building and broke the land with his oxen. Here he remained until his death at the age of 85 years. He was a member of the Scandinavian Lutheran church. After having lived in Wisconsin for three years Knute O. Olson, then 9 years of age, left home to shift for himself. He herded cattle and did what else he could find to do. In time he secured employment with the T. G. Mandt Wagon factory at Stoughton, Wis., and began to learn the trade of a wagonmaker. When Mr. Mandt added a blacksmith shop to his plant, Knute O. Olson became the blacksmith's helper and thus learned the trade of a blacksmith, at which he worked until 1870. He then came to Minnesota, traveling on foot a distance of over 1,300 miles before arriving at his destination in Redwood county. Taking a homestead in section 22, Willow Lake township, he put up a sod shanty. His nearest neighbor was a Mr. Evans, who lived three miles away. The following year he bought an ox team and then began to break the land, having to go a long way east for his oxen. When his plow share became dull he carried it on his back to New Ulm to get it sharpened. This long tiresome journey made him decide to have a blacksmith shop of his own, and as soon as he had secured a few tools, he drove by ox team to the Minnesota river and got a few poles. With these he constructed a frame, around which he built a sod blacksmith shop—prob-

ably the first blacksmith shop in this section, if not in all Redwood county. It proved a popular institution, and the settlers would come from great distances to have work done. After four or five years Mr. Olson set out a grove. All the hardships of pioneer life were experienced by him. The nearest milling place was at New Ulm. The grasshoppers came for five years in succession and destroyed his crops, and those of his neighbors, so that they had to work out to secure necessary supplies and clothing. After a time Mr. Olson built a one-story house, 40x14 feet, banked with dirt, in one end of which was an old brick oven for burning hay. He was one of the organizers of the township and held public office. He also helped to organize the school district, was school director as long as he lived and was one of the early members of the Norwegian Lutheran church.

Mr. Olson was married in 1872 to Anna Errickson, who was born in Norway, April 25, 1848, and came to the United States in 1854, being 14 weeks on the ocean. She came directly to Goodhue county, Minnesota. As a child she became acquainted with Mr. Olson, her future husband. Sometime after their marriage they moved by ox team from that county to the new home in Redwood county, and went to housekeeping in the sod shanty. She brought with her a spinning wheel and during the winter months spun yarn to make the caps, mittens and stockings for the family.

Their children were Lewis, of Willow Lake township, and Ole, a farmer in North Dakota. Mr. Olson died in 1892 and his wife died in 1893. They are buried in the church yard cemetery at Sundown.

Lewis Olson, son of Knute O. and Anna (Errickson) Olson, was born July 13, 1873, in Goodhue county, Minnesota. He received but a meagre education and began working very early. Growing to manhood on the home place, he learned the blacksmith trade of his father. In time he took charge of the parental farm of 160 acres, which he now operates, having a well cultivated place and raising good stock. He is one of the organizers and is treasurer of the Wanda Creamery, having held that office since its organization. He has also shares in the Wanda Bank and in the Farmers' Insurance Company. Prominent in township affairs, he has been supervisor for eight years and clerk of the school board for 12 or 14 years. Religiously he is affiliated with the Lutheran church.

Mr. Olson was married in October, 1898, to Barbara Dress, a native of Germany and daughter of Mat. and Anna Catherine Dress. Her mother died in Germany, leaving eight children, and the father in 1894 brought the rest of the family, with the exception of the oldest daughter Maggie, to Minnesota, located on section 7, Willow Lake township, Redwood county, where he died in

1898. He was a member of the Catholic church. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Olson have had the following children: Alfred, Anna, Gertrude, Agnes, Wilbur, Louisa, Arnold and Mat. (deceased).

James C. Peterson, a farmer of Willow Lake township, was born in Denmark, April 7, 1850, son of Peter and Anna (Larsen) Peterson who lived and died as farmers in Denmark. There were five children in the family; Elsie, Christ, James, Mary and Peter, of whom Christ and Elsie were the first to come to the United States. James received his early education in Denmark and came to the United States in 1873, locating at once in New Ulm, Minn. He worked at railroad and farm work for about a year and then, going to Omaha, Nebraska, was in the employ of Hilman and Company, clothing store proprietors, for three or four years. He then went to Chicago, Ill., and worked for the Illinois Central railroad. After a time he decided to own a place for himself and returning to Minnesota, located on a farm near Lamberton, which he rented for five years. At the end of that time he went to Chippewa county, where he bought 160 acres of land and resided for three years. Then, selling that property, he bought 80 acres in section 23, Willow Lake township, Redwood county, which place he has since improved.

Mr. Peterson was married in 1882 to Catherine Casterson, a native of Germany, who came to the United States when 19 years of age. She died in 1910. Five children were born of this union, Charles, George, Walter, Arthur and Anna. Mr. Peterson and his family belong to the Lutheran church.

Peter W. Ross, a farmer of Willow Lake township, was born on his father's farm in section 16, Willow Lake township, March 29, 1882, son of John Henry and Madeline (Turbes) Ross. The father, John Henry Ross, was a native of Germany, born October 24, 1841, son of Hubert Ross and wife. He acquired his education in Germany and learned the carpenter's trade. In 1857 when 16 years of age, he emigrated to the United States and settled near New Ulm, Minn. During the outbreak of Sioux Indians in 1862, he took part in the defense against the savages. Removing to Redwood county, he purchased 80 acres in section 16, Willow Lake township, on which he built a small shack and set out a grove. Later he erected a barn and house and in time increased his holdings of land to 400 acres. He now resides in Lamberton.

Peter W. Ross, in his youth, attended the school in his locality and remained at home on the farm until he was 23 years of age. He then engaged in the dray business at Springfield. Five years later he moved to the old family homestead in Willow Lake township, and now has a good farm of 200 acres. Here he carries on general farming, raises good stock and also specializes in Rhode Island Red poultry. Mr. Ross was married April 23, 1912, to Catherine Schneider of Springfield, daughter of John Schneider,



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a native of Austria. They have two children, Alfred and Christina. The family are members of the Roman Catholic church.

George Schottenbauer, a well-to-do farmer of Willow Lake township, was born in Germany August 18, 1867. His parents, John and Barbara (Fogel) Schottenbauer, the former born in 1831, located in New Ulm, Minn., where the father went to work in the mill. Later he took a homestead in Brown county, on which he built a log house, 12x14, and a straw barn. This he subsequently sold and in 1879 moved to Redwood county, where he secured 480 acres of partly broken land in New Avon township, 160 acres of which is still owned by him. Mrs. Schottenbauer died in 1879, leaving five children, George, Maggie, Anna, Mary and Katie.

George Schottenbauer, in his boyhood days, attended the district school four miles from his home and grew to manhood on the homestead. When 24 years of age he located in Willow Lake township, where he had secured 160 acres of land in section 12. The following year he built a barn and granary, making his home in the latter until he could build a house. After the erection of the house, which was 16x24 feet, he resided in it eleven years, in time making additions and improvements to it, so that now he has a fine nine-room dwelling. In 1898 he built a barn 48x60 feet. On his farm he raises small grain. In 1893 Mr. Schottenbauer bought 40 acres in section 13, in 1895, 160 acres in section 7, Sundown township, and in 1913, 160 acres in section 6, in the same township. This land is now all under cultivation. He is a stockholder in the Wanda Creamery. Mr. Schottenbauer was married June 15, 1888, to Kate Hornick, and their children are: George, Margaret, William, Matilda, Hedwig, Leonard, Otto, Bernard and Ledwina. The family faith is that of the Catholic church.

Herman John Stern, a successful farmer of Willow Lake township, was born in Pomerania, Germany, April 24, 1862, son of Fred and Charlotta (Modeska) Stern. His parents, who were farming people, had seven children, Herman, Albert, Matilda, Elena, August, Mary and Charles. In 1882 they came to Minnesota and located near Springfield, where they purchased 80 acres of land and engaged in farming. There were then no buildings on the place, but good ones were soon erected. In time additions were made to the farm until it contained over a section of land. Fred Stern and his wife have retired from active work and now live at Springfield. Religiously they are of the Lutheran church.

Herman J. Stern, as a boy, attended school in Germany. At the age of 18 years he left his native land for the United States to join his Uncle Frank Rodka, who was living near Springfield and who had sent him money for his journey. He arrived at his destination in August, 1880, and began working on the farms and

doing railroad work to earn enough to repay his uncle. In 1887 he bought 120 acres of wild school land in section 36, Willow Lake township. A neighbor broke a few acres for him and here he began farming with five cows. He built a barn of posts and boards, 20x30 feet, and a frame house, 16x24, and after two years set out a grove. He has improved his property and added to it until he now farms 280 acres of land in sections 35 and 36, Willow Lake township. He carries on general farming, raising good stock, and has considerable land set out in fruit. He has built an eight-room house and a barn, 32x52 feet, and has numerous other necessary or useful buildings. As an intelligent citizen, ready to be of public service, he has served as a member of school board, district 88. Mr. Stern was united in marriage May 30, 1884, to Teresa Fleishman, a native of Germany, born in Saxony, May 27, 1864, daughter of George and Anna (Arp) Fleishman, and who, at the age of two years, was brought to the United States by her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Stern have the following children: Albert, now owner of 160 acres of farm land in section 24; Theodore, of section 35, Willow Lake; Emma (deceased); Lilly; Mary; Paulina; Lawrence; Clara; Charlotta; Anna; Alvina; Elizabeth and George.

George Fleishman was born June 24, 1823, in Germany, son of Michael and Catherine (Werner) Fleishman, who lived and died in Germany as farmers. They had two boys, George and John, (born December 16, 1818), who both came to Minnesota. George engaged in farming and in 1866 came to the United States by steamer with his family, the voyage taking 16 days. He located in Illinois, where he worked on the farms for a time. Then he left for Minnesota to get a homestead, leaving his wife and children in Illinois. He secured a homestead of 80 acres in Burnstown township, Brown county, five miles east of Springfield, and after two years sent for his family. He had built a log house and sod barn with a hay roof. Here they endured all the hardships and inconveniences of the pioneers. Wheat was often ground into flour in the coffee mill, as the nearest mill was at New Ulm, many miles away—a long journey by ox team. The wife spun the yarn and made caps and mittens for her husband and children. During the grasshopper plague they lost all of their crops. The blizzards were very terrible. Mr. Fleishman's brother, John, had a homestead nearby and during one of these blizzards froze both hands and lost all his fingers. Mr. Fleishman was married September 15, 1854, to Anna Arp, born April 26, 1832, in Germany, daughter of Valentine and Catherine (Wenner) Arp, who lived and died in Germany. They had three children, Anna, Barbara (deceased), and John, who came to the United States at the age of 18, first located in Illinois and later Missouri, where he is engaged in the drug business. Mr. and Mrs. Fleishman had five



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children, all born in Germany: Theodore, Emma, William, Teresa and Julia. Mr. Fleishman died at the age of 61 years. The family are all members of the Lutheran church.

Christopher W. Whelan, a successful farmer of Willow Lake township, was born in Ontario, Canada, November 21, 1860, son of Christopher and Jane (Roach) Whelan. Christopher W. Whelan attended school in Canada, in Hennepin county, at Delano, Wright county, and in Redwood county, Minn. He grew to manhood in Redwood county. In 1884 he secured a homestead of 160 acres of wild prairie land in Willow Lake township, which had been filed on by his brother William, who died in 1879. Christopher took it up as a tree claim but changed it to a homestead. His brother William had already built a small shack upon it, 14 by 20. Christopher broke land by horse team, added 80 acres more to his farm and set out two fine groves. He carries on diversified farming, raising a considerable amount of grain and also keeps Duroc Jersey hogs and a good grade of sheep and horses. He is a stockholder in the Wanda Creamery, the State Bank of Wanda, the Farmers' Elevator Company of Sanborn and also of the Sanborn Improvement Company.

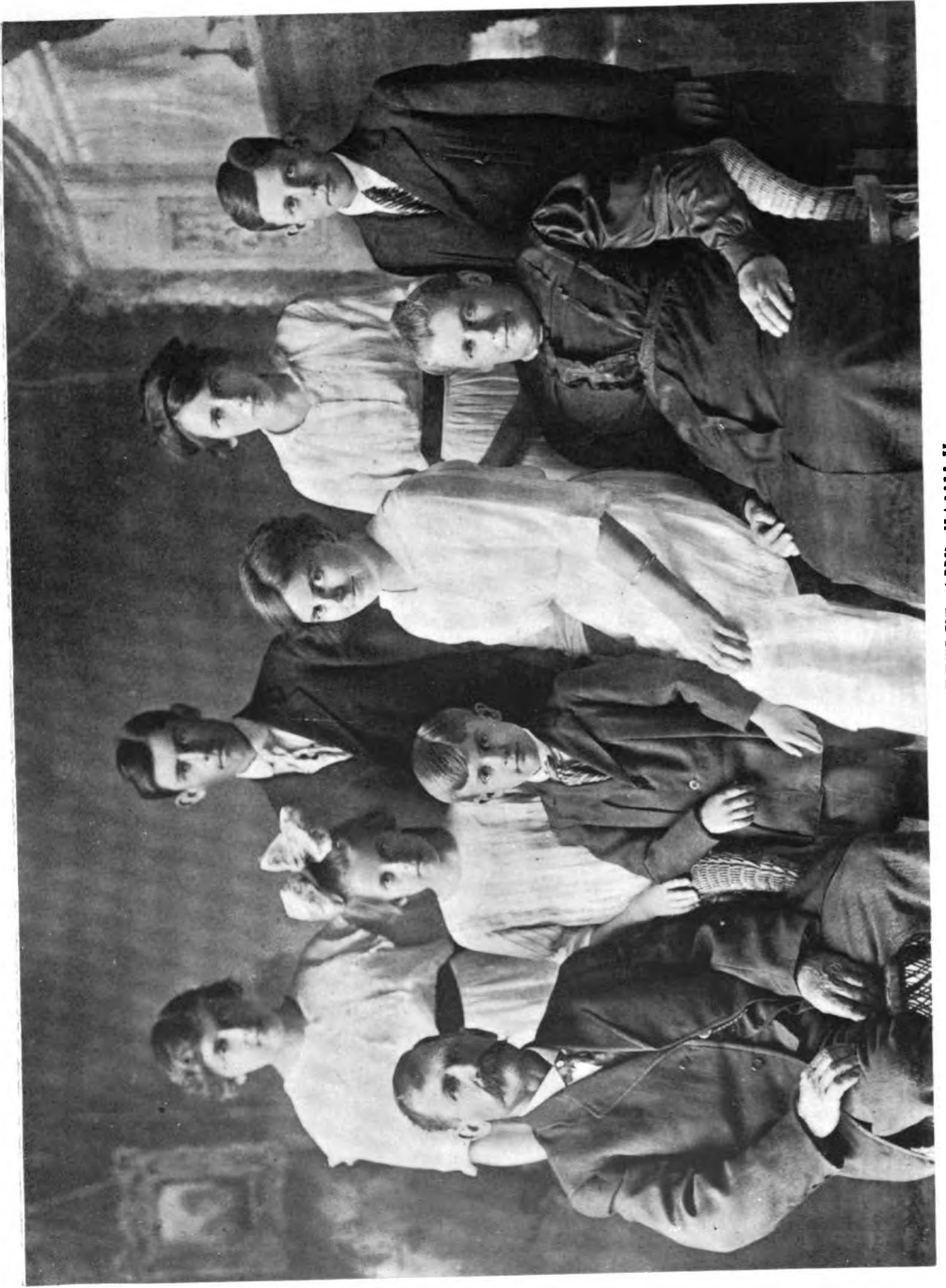
Mr. Whelan was married June 1, 1886, to Isabella McGowen, a widow of Peter B. Raverty. She was born December 8, 1861, in Sibley county, daughter of Pat McGowen, a native of Canada, who later located in Sibley county and afterward in Brown county. She died in 1894, leaving five children: Mary, now Mrs. Joseph Korherr of Gibbon, Minn., a child of the first marriage; Louis, now of Montana; Blanche, now Mrs. Nels Dyste of Minneapolis; Lloyd; and Claude, who was drowned at Gillette, Wyo., August 8, 1914, at the age of 21 years.

Rudolph C. Wessel, for many years interested in the lumber business in Redwood county, was born in Germany June 5, 1865, son of Karl and Mary (Arndt) Wessel. The father was a mason who came to America from Germany in 1873 and settled at Sleepy Eye, where he died in 1877 at the age of 35 years. The mother is now living in Springfield, Minn. Rudolph C. Wessel grew to manhood in Sleepy Eye and in 1889 became the foreman of the packing department at Sleepy Eye roller mills, where he remained seven years. He then became grain buyer and bought wheat for R. H. Bingham at Sleepy Eye. During the next three years he had charge of the elevator. Then he helped organize the P. Christenson & Company lumber company at Echo, Minn., and became the general manager. After seven years he sold the business and was manager of affairs for his successors for three years. After that he became manager at Morgan for the Lampert Lumber Company and remained with them for three years. January 1, 1906, he bought an interest in the Steinke, Seidl Lumber Company of Sleepy Eye and became manager of the Morgan branch.

Mr. Wessel was married May 9, 1889, to Minnie Henning, who was born May 23, 1868, daughter of Frederick Henning, a native of Germany and a farmer of Sherman township, Redwood county. The father died at Morgan, April 3, 1915, at the age of 73 years, and his wife, Johanna (Koenig) Henning, July 21, 1915, at the age of 69 years. Mr. and Mrs. Wessel have three children, Viola, born in 1891; Mabel, born in 1893; and Esther, born in 1897.

Frank H. Schieffert, a progressive young man, and proprietor of the confectionery and restaurant at Morgan, was born in Brown county, Minnesota, November 10, 1877, son of Michael Schieffert, a farmer of Germany, who came to America and died March 3, 1880, and his wife, Mary (Eckstein) Schieffert, who died February 29, 1880. Frank H. Schieffert was raised by his maternal uncle, Anton Sperl, a farmer near New Ulm. When ten years of age he began working during the summer (attending school during the winter) with his brother-in-law, Joseph Wilt-scheck. After five years he began working out among the farmers in the neighborhood and was thus engaged until May, 1898, when he enlisted at St. Paul in Company A, Twelfth Minnesota Infantry, and after six months at Chattanooga, was discharged at New Ulm, November, 1898. Then he worked for B. C. Schneller at Morgan for two years, and at the end of that time bought the business and conducted it until the spring of 1915. May 1, 1915, he opened a confectionery and restaurant at Morgan and has since made many friends and gained a large patronage. Since 1909 he has been chief of the village fire department. In spring of 1916 he was elected a member of the village council of Morgan. He is a member of the Catholic church and of the St. Joseph's society. Mr. Schieffert was married July 25, 1900, to Frances Kretch, who was born March 5, 1881, daughter of John and Barbara Kretsch. Mr. and Mrs. Schieffert have three children, Eleanore, Alice and Clarence.

C. B. Root, president of the Farmers' and Merchants' State Bank of Morgan, was born in Sherman township, December 30, 1868, son of William and Mary E. (Cooley) Root. The father was born in New York state and came to Renville county, Minnesota, in 1863, taking up a homestead in Cairo township, where he remained for two years. Then he pre-empted 150 acres in section 22, Sherman township, Redwood county, and lived there until 1905. Then buying land in section 35, he resided there for three years, after which time he retired from active work and moved to the village of Morton, where he died in 1910 at the age of 69 years. He served on the school board for 25 years. His wife is still living in Morgan. There were four children in the family: Carrie, a resident of Morgan, widow of Thomas Butcher, a farmer of Redwood county who died in 1911; C. B., the subject of this sketch; Fred, who died in 1899 at the age of 25 years; and Wil-



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liam, dealer in farm implements and owner of a garage at Morgan.

C. B. Root received his early educational training in the schools of his neighborhood and grew to manhood on the home farm. In 1898 he bought 240 acres in section 2, Morgan township, and conducted this farm until 1904, when he moved to the village of Morgan and was manager of the Farmers' Elevator Company for three years. Then he engaged in the meat business for three years. Mr. Root is now engaged in buying and selling of stock, and is also in the real estate business. He was one of the organizers and has been a director of the Farmers' and Merchants' State Bank of Morgan ever since it was organized, serving as vice-president from 1911 to 1914, and becoming president January 1, 1914. He was also one of the organizers and was a director of the Wherland Electric Company until it was sold to Alfred Green and F. W. Philbrick. He is a stockholder in and business manager of the Farmers' Elevator of Morgan. Since March, 1915, he has been president of the village council and since July, that year, of the board of education. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the M. W. A.; also of the Presbyterian church, of which he is a director and elder.

Mr. Root was married June 24, 1898, to Edith Butterfield, who was born April 8, 1875, daughter of Marshall Butterfield, a pioneer farmer of Redwood Falls, who died in 1883, and his wife, Lucy (Griffith) Butterfield, who died at the age of 70 years in 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Root have the following children: Pearl, born August 13, 1900; Mabel, October 12, 1902; Lindel, April 11, 1905, and Doris, November 12, 1906.

John Welter, a prosperous farmer of Morgan township, was born in Lake county, Illinois, November 14, 1864, son of Michael and Susanna (Deville) Welter. His parents were natives of Luxemburg, Europe, where they were married in 1850. They came to America in 1855, first living in Chicago, Ill., for two years and then removing to Buffalo Grove, Lake county, Ill., where they lived until their death. The father died in 1898 at the age of 77 years, and the mother in 1907 at the age of 80 years. The children in the family were: Elizabeth, of Chicago, widow of Nicholas Britz, who farmed near that city; Peter, a retired farmer of New Ulm; Mary, who died on the ocean at the age of two years; Nicholas, a furniture dealer of Morgan, who died in 1906 at the age of 46; Mary, wife of J. F. Smith, a retired farmer of New Ulm; Michael, who operated a hotel at St. Louis, Mo.; John, the subject of this sketch; Katherine, wife of Nicholas Blocks, a farmer of Lake county, Illinois; and Lena, wife of Anton Brown, a farmer of Camp township, Renville county.

John Welter grew to manhood on the home farm and received his early education in the schools of his locality. At the

age of 24 he took charge of the home farm and managed it for four years. In 1892 he bought 145 acres in section 30, Morgan township, where he now resides. He is successful in his farming, has erected modern buildings and made many improvements, and now owns 184 acres, of which four acres are set out in fruit. In 1902 he re-built and remodeled his house into a seven-room comfortable dwelling and in 1909 built a barn, 36 by 64 by 18 feet. He keeps graded Holstein cattle and makes a specialty of buying and feeding cattle for the market, feeding about one carload of cattle and one carload of swine every year, and also keeps Percheron horses. Mr. Welter has been an important factor in public affairs; he served as chairman of the township board for two years, and has been clerk of school district No. 90 for six years. He was secretary and manager of the Morgan Co-operative Creamery Association for 18 years, and is secretary of the Morgan Farmers' Elevator Company, secretary of the Clements Percheron Company, secretary of the Morgan Live Stock Shipping Association and stockholder in the Morgan State Bank Building Company. He is a member of the C. O. F. of Sleepy Eye.

John Welter was united in marriage October 7, 1890, to Mary Pierre, who was born June 4, 1867, daughter of John and Mary A. (Putz) Pierre. Her father was born in Luxemburg, Europe, and came to America in 1847, locating at Holy Cross, Wis., where he engaged in farming and died in 1901 at the age of 80 years. His wife now resides in Saukville, Wis. They were married in 1856 in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, and had the following children: Anton, a farmer of Hawarden, Iowa; John, deceased; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Ben Hofner of Kenosha, Wis., who died in 1880; Margaret, wife of August Schiller, a farmer of Saukville, Wis.; John, a farmer of New Hampton, Iowa; Henry, a farmer of New Hampton, Iowa; Mary, wife of John Welter; Katherine, sister in a convent in Racine, Wis.; Barbara, deceased; Matt., a farmer in Wisconsin; and Annie, a Sister in the convent at Racine, Wis. Mr. and Mrs. Welter have had the following children: Annie, May 29, 1893; Susan, October 3, 1896; Amelia, January 13, 1898 (died February 3, 1898); Frank J., April 17, 1899; Rosa M., December 18, 1901; George W., February 22, 1903; Olivia, March 8, 1906; and Aloysius F., December 11, 1908. The family are all members of the Catholic church at Morgan.

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has lived ever since. He cultivated his farm with great care and made additions from time to time so that now he owns 240 acres. In 1901 he rebuilt and remodeled his house into a comfortable four-room residence, and in 1906 built a barn 28 by 48 by 16 feet. He has a fine eight-acre grove and an orchard. His stock is of good breed, including Shorthorn cattle and Chester White swine. Mr. Kleinschmidt is a stockholder in the Farmers' Elevator at Morgan. He was road overseer for twelve years. The family are members of the German Methodist Episcopal church.

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Mr. Hillger was married September 14, 1894, to Emma Dittbenner, who was born in Eden township, Brown county, August 26, 1874, daughter of August and Katherine (Fixsen) Dittbenner, the parents being natives of Germany. The father came to America in 1854 with his parents, locating at New Ulm and was one of the defenders of New Ulm during the Sioux uprising, afterwards drawing a pension for his services. He homesteaded in Eden township, Brown county, where he remained until his death in 1911 at the age of 65 years. His wife was born in 1853 and now resides with her daughter, Mrs. William Rhode, of Morgan. Mr. and Mrs. Hillger have nine children: Arnolf, born June 19, 1895; Lucy, April 4, 1897; Oscar, June 16, 1900; Ella, August 5, 1903; Herbert, September 19, 1905; Clarence, February 18, 1908; Wilbert, January 27, 1909; Marvin, April 12, 1913; and Lester, December 23, 1915. The family belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church at Morgan.

Christian Frederick Larson, son of Lars Christenson, a farmer of Denmark, and his wife, Ellen Christenson, was born in Denmark, April 15, 1862. There were six children in the family, Sisley, Christian, Hans, Jens, Anna and Lars. Christian came to America in 1880; his brother Hans, who came in 1884, is now in Oregon. The parents came to America in 1887 with the rest of the children and the mother died in Brookville at the age of 72 and the father at the age of 76 years. They are both buried in Brookville cemetery. Christian F. Larson set out for America in the summer of 1880 and came to Minnesota. He had \$5.00 when he arrived at Sleepy Eye and worked near Golden Gate during



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the harvest, helping with the threshing. During the winter he chopped wood. Then he worked out among the farmers and after a while obtained employment with H. Werring of Golden Gate, with whom he remained for sixteen and a half years, having charge of his farm for 12 years. Then he moved to Morgan township, Redwood county, bought 160 acres of improved land in section 29 and engaged in farming for himself. He carries on general farming and dairying. Mr. Larson has been chairman of the township board for the last eight years and a member of the board for ten years. He has served as a member of the school board for 14 years. He is a member and director of the Farmers' Elevator Company of Morgan.

November 10, 1889, he was married to Catherine Strong, who was born June 10, 1872, in Cerro Gordo county, Iowa, daughter of Charles Strong, a native of Long Island, N. Y., and his wife, Ellen (Frost) Strong, who was born in Vermont. They were married in Iowa. The father, a veteran in the Civil War, served three years in the Thirty-Second Iowa Regiment and was wounded. He engaged in farming and died in Golden Gate, where he had settled after coming from Iowa, being 77 years of age at the time of his death. They had six children, Nellie, Frank, Catherine, Charles, John and Roy. Mr. and Mrs. Larson were the parents of the following children: Ellen, now Mrs. Ed Allison, of Brown county; Catherine, a teacher; Laura, Bennett, Mildred and Mamie, the four last mentioned are residing at home.

Julius C. Jackson, who is well known in banking circles in Redwood county, was born in Forkton, Ky., October 10, 1873, son of James and Mary (Chapman) Jackson. The father was a native of Virginia, who lived for 25 years in Williamsburg, Iowa, and later moved to Sherman, Texas, where he retired from farming. Julius C. Jackson graduated from the Missouri State Normal School at Kirksville, Mo., in 1891 and was assistant superintendent of schools at Jamesport, Mo., for two years. He was then elected superintendent of schools at Williamsburg, Iowa, where he remained for two years and next spent two years at De Smet, S. D., as school superintendent. From 1898 to 1902 he was in the real estate business at De Smet and then became cashier of the State Bank at Parker's Prairie, Minn., where he remained for four years. In 1906 he bought an interest in the Farmers' and Merchants' State Bank at Morgan, Minn. He was president of the bank during the years 1911 and 1912, was cashier in 1913, 1914 and 1915, and was again elected president January 1, 1916.

Mr. Jackson is a stockholder and was one of the organizers of the Mahnomen Land Company of Mahnomen, Minn., established in 1912, and served as its president for one year. He was also one of the organizers and president of the Citizens' State Bank at Mahnomen, Minn., and is a stockholder in the Peoples' State Bank

at St. Paul. He has been an influential factor in the village affairs of Morgan and served as mayor for two years. He was also recorder for one year, treasurer for two years, and is now serving his sixth year as secretary of the board of education. Fraternally he is associated with the Masons and Odd Fellows, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Jackson was united in marriage April 9, 1899, to Florine S. Armstrong, who was born October 4, 1879. Her father, Ase F. Armstrong, who was engaged in the real estate business at De Smet, South Dakota, died in 1911 at the age of 63 years. His widow (Alice Tyler) now lives in Los Angeles with her sons, Newell and Claude. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have two children: Lyle, J., born December 15, 1903, and Quinten, born December 14, 1907.

Joseph Franklin Bunting, of Delhi township, was born October 22, 1864, in Dane county, Wisconsin, son of Job and Mary (Noble) Bunting, natives of England, who came to America at an early age and met and married in Dane county, Wisconsin. Here the father purchased 100 acres of land and engaged in farming and here he and his wife resided until their death. Job Bunting was born in 1823 and died May 5, 1894; his wife, born in 1830, died May 13, 1910. They had the following children: Alice, now Mrs. D. W. Whittet of Redwood Falls; Selena, now Mrs. Henry Abbott of Rock county, Wisconsin; Isaac, of Dane county, Wisconsin; Sarah Ann, deceased; James, deceased; George, deceased; Joseph F.; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Arthur Vickers, of Dane county, Wisconsin; Amos, of Dane county; and Agnes, deceased. After finishing school at Albion Academy, Albion, Wis., Joseph F. Bunting came to Redwood county and a few years later purchased 160 acres of land in section 21, Delhi township. Here he began to break ground and erected a five-room house which in 1910 was replaced by a fine ten-room house. He made many improvements and erected suitable buildings—a barn, 32 by 60 feet, an implement shed, granary and corn crib. He has a fine grove around his home and a small apple orchard. He has the following acreage of grain: wheat, 30 acres; corn, 40 acres; oats, 45 acres, and barley, 10 acres. He keeps a good grade of stock, having graded Durham cattle, and has from 12 to 14 milch cows, also raising Poland China swine and Percheron horses.

In politics, Mr. Bunting is a Republican and has been supervisor of the Delhi township board for 16 years. He is a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Bunting was married July 27, 1892, to Emma Taber, who was born February 25, 1861, in Ontario, Canada, daughter of John and Charlotte (Smithers) Taber. Her father, born in England in 1823, came to Canada when 16 years of age and was engaged in the hotel business about one mile from Seaforth, Ontario, Canada, for several years. In 1872

he came to Redwood county and bought 160 acres in Vale township, where he engaged in farming. In 1901 he retired from active work and made his home with his son at Seaforth, Minn., for a number of years. Then he moved to Green county, Washington, where he died in February, 1906. He was a veteran of the Mexican war, coming from Canada to the United States to enlist, and was twice wounded, once being left on the battlefield supposed to be dead. Mrs. Bunting's mother was born in England in 1833 and is now living with her daughter Hattie at Sioux City, Iowa. There were ten children in the family: Elizabeth, now Mrs. Eugene D. Lamb of Seaforth, Minn.; Charlotte L., now Mrs. R. S. Pickett of Wabasso, Minn.; Emma S.; Mary A.; Caroline, now Mrs. John Heimer of Redwood Falls, Minn.; Susan, now Mrs. William Longbottom of Ontario, Canada; William C., living at Green Lake, Washington; Minnie R., now Mrs. Charles Davis of Redwood county, Minn.; Nettie; and Hattie, now Mrs. George Musselman of Sioux City, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Bunting have the following children: James Earl, born May 12, 1893; Roy Harold, July 8, 1894; Hubert Leslie, March 13, 1898; and Mildred, May 16, 1900, all of whom are residing at home.

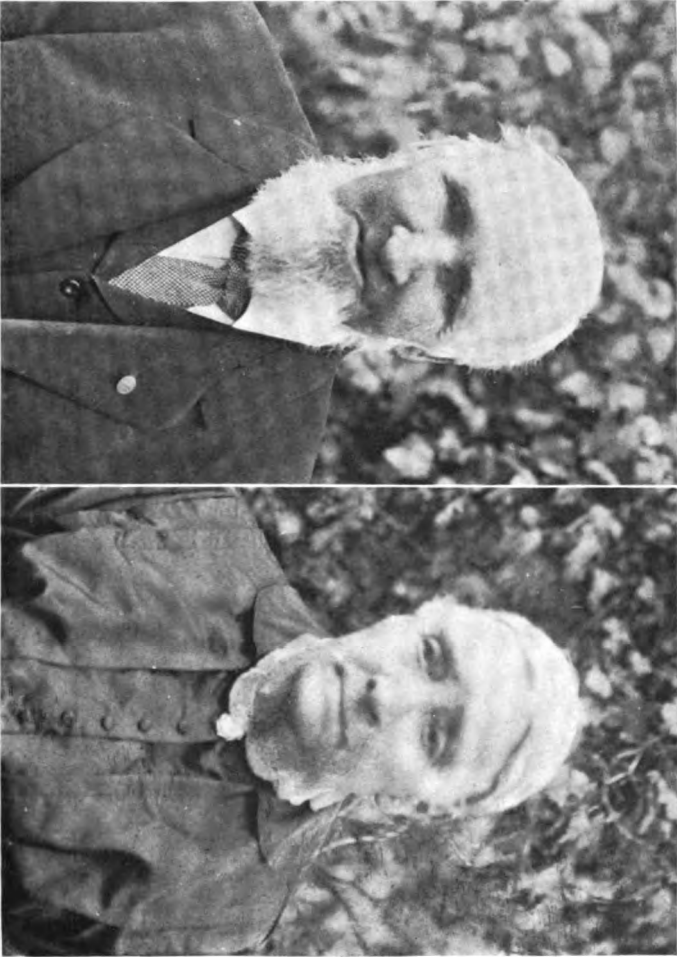
Earl I. Bliss, a progressive farmer of Delhi township, was born February 24, 1890, in Renville county, Minnesota, son of Benjamin and Laura (King) Bliss. The father, now a traveling salesman for the Avery Implement Company, was born in 1864; the mother was born in 1867. There were seven children in the family: Earl I., Grace, deceased; Maude and May, twins; Ethel; Ida and Iva, twins, of whom Ida is deceased. Benjamin Bliss bought 160 acres in Delhi township in 1900 and added to it from time to time until he had 320 acres, which he farmed until 1912, when he sold 100 acres to his son Earl and moved to Redwood Falls to take up his position with the Avery Company. Earl I. Bliss completed his education in the schools of Delhi township and has lived on his farm ever since 1900. He raises horses for his own use and specializes in Poland China and Duroc Jersey swine, keeping also about four milch cows. The farm, which was all uncultivated land when his father bought it, is now well improved; good substantial buildings have been erected on it, and trees and small fruits set out. In politics Mr. Bliss is Independent. He has served three years on the school board of district No. 89 and is a member of the Christian church. Mr. Bliss was married to Florence Garner June 12, 1912. She was born September 6, 1888, daughter of James and Sarah (Johnson) Garner. Her father was a farmer, born near Dayton, Ohio, in 1858, and her mother was born at Smith Falls, Canada, in 1867. Both are now living at Turlock, Calif. There were seven children in the family: Florence, Adrian, Harley, June, deceased; Mabel, Ruth, deceased; and Merton. Mr. and Mrs. Bliss have one child, Floyd, born April 7, 1913.

Neil McKay, a prosperous farmer of Delhi township, was born June 6, 1867, in Argyleshire, Scotland, son of Archie and Jennette (McNaughton) McKay. In 1875 he came with his parents to Ontario, Canada, where his father engaged in farming and died December 22, 1881; his mother died in 1908. Neil McKay came to Redwood county in 1890 and purchased 160 acres of land from J. A. Willard of Mankato at \$13.00 per acre. This land was entirely uncultivated and without improvements of any kind. In 1892 he built a five-room house, in 1898 added four rooms and has since remodeled the house so that now it is entirely modern. The first crop of wheat, planted in 1892, yielded 36 bushels to the acre. He had planted 100 acres and the crop was sold at 87 cents per bushel. He has since decreased the wheat acreage and increased that of other grains. He began with five acres of corn, yielding 25 bushels the acre, and now plants 60 acres and has a yield of 50 bushels to the acre. There being no market for oats in the early days, he planted 15 acres for his own use, but now has 60 acres and has a good market. He also plants 12 acres of barley. Mr. McKay keeps a good grade of stock and raises Shorthorn cattle, having 12 milking cows and a fine Poll Angus bull. He also raises Duroc Jersey swine and the Norman breed of horses. He buys two carloads of sheep to feed for the market every year. He has erected good farm buildings and has a substantial barn, 32 by 74, built in 1916, modern in every respect. A corn crib and shed were built in 1895 and a feeding shed in 1915, 18 by 36 feet.

Mr. McKay is a Republican in politics and has held various offices in the township. From 1892 to 1900 he was road overseer, and from 1900 to 1906, township supervisor. In 1910 he became township clerk and is still serving in that capacity. From 1890 to 1896 he was president of the school board of district No. 18, Delhi graded school. Fraternally he is affiliated with the I. O. O. F. lodge of Redwood Falls and has held all the offices. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. McKay was married February 8, 1894, to Mamie Andrew of Rockford, Ill., who was born December 12, 1872, daughter of Hugh and Margaret (Picken) Andrew, both natives of Illinois and now living in Rockford, that state. Mr. and Mrs. McKay have the following children: Hugh Archie, born November 18, 1894; Eva Jeanette, born October 10, 1897; and Arthur Elmer, born January 25, 1900.

John Cummings, of Delhi township, was born January, 1826, in Argyleshire, Scotland, son of Robert and Barbara (McEachran) Cummings, both natives of Scotland, who lived and died there. The children in the family were: Ephemia, Hugh, Angus, Robert, Donald, Archie, Walter, Barbara and John, of whom Donald and John are the only ones now living. John Cummings came to America in 1855, locating in Ontario, Canada, where he lived for



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about two years. He then went to Illinois, where he resided until 1858, when he moved to Wabasha county, Minnesota, and took a homestead. In 1879 he came to Redwood county and purchased 160 acres in section 20, Delhi township. Later he gave 84 acres of this farm to his son Donald. There was a two-room log house on the land, which was the first house in that vicinity, there not being another between the farm and Redwood Falls, a distance of six miles. Mr. Cummings began farming with three horses and sowed 45 acres of wheat, increasing the amount as the years went by. He is a breeder of Galloway cattle, Duroc Jersey swine, Shropshire sheep and Percheron horses. In politics he is an Independent and the family are members of the Presbyterian church at Delhi.

Mr. Cummings was married February 28, 1852, to Isabelle Stewart, who was born in Scotland, October 29, 1829, daughter of Hugh and Annie (McLean) Stewart. Her father came to Ontario, Canada, in 1855, and in 1858 located in Wabasha county. In 1875 he came to Redwood county, where he died in 1888. His wife died in Scotland in 1854. There were nine children in the family: Catherine, Margaret, Archie, Donald, John, of Tacoma, Wash.; Andrew, of Delhi village; Hugh, Robert, and Dugan. Catherine, Margaret, Archie, Donald, Hugh, Robert and Dugan are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Cummings have had nine children: Robert, of Lyon county, Minn.; Annie, of Delhi, Minn.; Hugh, of Spokane, Wash.; John, deceased; Barbara, now Mrs. William Burr of Colorado; Donald, residing at home; Isabelle, at home; Catherine, deceased; and Margaret, at home.

Isaac Leslie, now deceased, was born January 13, 1831, in Canada, son of George and Mary (Virtue) Leslie. Both parents were natives of Scotland and married there. They came to America and located in Canada, where Mr. Leslie secured 100 acres of land on which he farmed until his death in 1844. His wife died in 1865. There were eight children in the family: George, Isaac, Mary, Aaron and Jacob, who grew up, and Charles, John and Aurelia, who died in infancy. Isaac Leslie came to Minnesota in 1866 and settled in Wabasha county, Minnesota. In 1870 he moved to Redwood county, this state, and purchased 160 acres in section 16, Delhi township, which he farmed until 1908, when he sold it. This farm was all wild and uncultivated when he bought it and he made many improvements and built good substantial buildings. He also set out trees and started an apple orchard. He carried on diversified farming. In politics Mr. Leslie was a Republican and served on the township board of Delhi seven years, also on the school board for district No. 18 one year. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Leslie was married May 14, 1868, to Margaret McLennan, born in Nova Scotia, March 1, 1833, daughter of Angus and Christina (McDon-

ald) McLennan. Her parents were both natives of Scotland and married there. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie had the following children: Mary, now Mrs. H. McHenry, and living in Minneapolis; George, of Wabasso, Redwood county; Christina, at home; and Lillico, now Mrs. D. McLean of Redwood Falls. Isaac Leslie died December 13, 1915.

Herman Moritz, one of the successful farmers of Delhi township, was born February 2, 1865, in Germany, son of Fred and Augusta (Daganar) Moritz. The father was born in 1832 and died April 20, 1909; his wife was born in Germany and died in that country in 1876. They had two children, Herman, and Mary, now Mrs. George Cook of Kintire township, Redwood county. Herman Moritz emigrated to America and came to Redwood Falls in 1884 (his father coming in 1889), and bought 80 acres of land in section 13, Delhi township, to which he has since made additions so that now he has 480 acres. There was only a small log house on the place at the time he took possession of it, but now he has a fine eight-room house, finished in hardwood throughout, costing \$3,000.00. Mr. Moritz has erected various farm buildings: two barns, one 74 by 42 feet, the other 42 by 35 feet; a corn crib, 26 by 32 feet, and an implement shed, and has three and one-half acres of orchard. He set out a fine grove of cottonwood and box-elder trees. He has 90 acres of wheat, 60 acres of corn and 100 acres of oats. He markets from 75 to one hundred head of cattle and has about thirty milk cows, of the Short-horn breed, and three Belgian brood mares. He is a member of the German Lutheran church. Mr. Moritz was married April 14, 1888, in Renville county, Minn., to Augusta Koahlar, who was born in Germany, August 15, 1865, daughter of August and Augusta (Weasa) Koahler, and came to America in 1885. Her father was born in Germany and died there in 1896. Her mother came to America in the fall of 1896, and was married again to August Wallart, now living in Renville county, Minn. There were five children in the family: Augusta, Charles, of Berlin, Germany; Bertha, living in Berlin, Germany; Lena, now Mrs. Herman Burlang, living in Berlin, Germany, and Fred, of Delhi township. Mr. and Mrs. Moritz have the following children: Fritz, born January 18, 1889, who married Bertha Akree, and is living in North Redwood, this county; Walter, born March 16, 1891, at home; Lotta, born July 2, 1893; Charles, born July 28, 1899; and Frank, born December 25, 1900.

George Lechner, now deceased, was born in Germany, November 2, 1846. He came to America when a boy and in 1880 to Redwood Falls, where he entered into partnership with Henry Ackman in the grocery business. In 1894 he bought Mr. Ackman's interest and operated the store alone until 1900, when he sold it. He built up a good, prosperous business and at the time of its sale



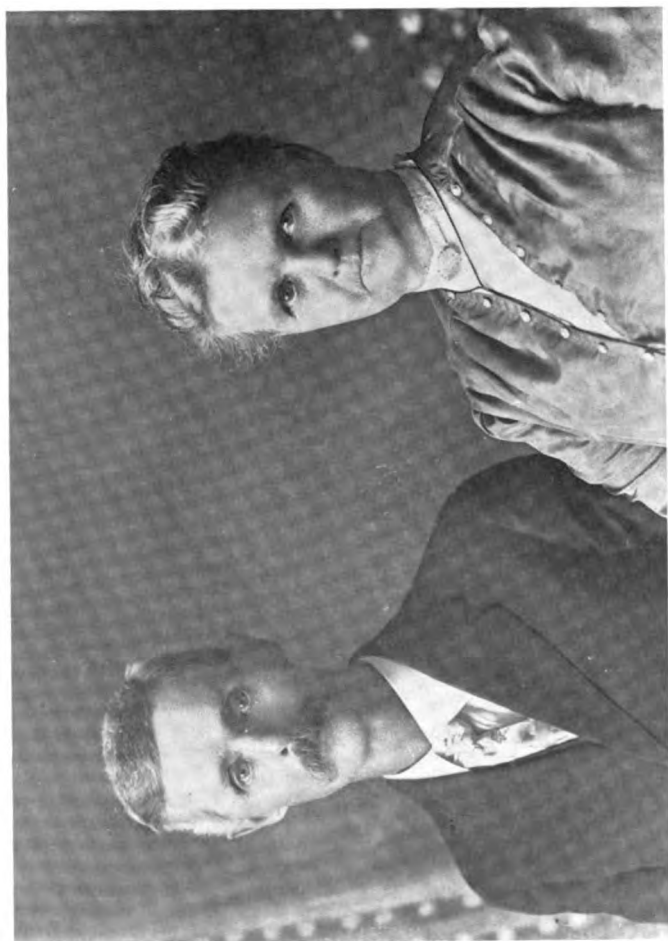
GEORGE LECHNER

it was one of the best in the town. He purchased a farm in section 26, Delhi township, which he improved and brought to a high state of cultivation. Mr. Lechner, who was highly regarded and respected by all who knew him, died July 1, 1912. He took an active interest in public affairs and held various offices of trust. Mr. Lechner was married in 1880, to Helen Speckeen, who was born in Waukesha, Wis., October 12, 1860, daughter of Henry and Mary (Bobseen) Speckeen. Her parents were both natives of Germany and made their home near Milwaukee, where they were married. There were five children in the family, one daughter and four sons. Mr. and Mrs. Lechner had five children: George, born September 8, 1881, of Polk county, Minn.; Edward, born March 16, 1882, now of Redwood, Minn.; Lulu, born January 18, 1885, living at home; Bessie (Mrs. Joe Bolster), of Polk county, Minn., born September 12, 1886, and John, born March 16, 1888, who operates the home farm for his mother. The family are all members of the Catholic church of Redwood Falls.

Robert G. Rogers, an efficient farmer of Delhi township, was born September 18, 1855, in Ontario, Canada, near Stratford, son of John and Sarah (Russell) Rogers. The father was born in Canada, September 18, 1830, and died January 23, 1911, on his farm of 100 acres in Canada, where Robert G. was born. For three years he was treasurer of Fulerton township, Perth county, Ontario, Canada. His wife, mother of Robert, was born March 31, 1827, in Scotland, came to Canada with her eldest sister in April, 1850, and is now living on the farm there. Mr. and Mrs. John Rogers had five children: Robert G.; Mary (Mrs. Geo. Brown, of Manitoba, Canada); William, living on the homestead; John, surveyor in Mitchell county, Canada, and Adeline, deceased. Robert G. Rogers acquired his education in the schools of his locality, and at the age of 26 years went to Manitoba, Canada, where he homesteaded 160 acres. He left this land, returned to his home and in March, 1887, came to Redwood county, Minn., where he bought 160 acres of wild land in section 15, Delhi township, to which he made additions from time to time until he owned 293 acres. He built a small frame house 14 by 18 by 8 feet high, and in 1904 built a two-room house and also a barn. He moved the old house to its present location and made additions to it so that he now has a nice modern house of nine rooms. He has a three-acre grove of maple trees, five acres of box elders and a one-acre apple orchard. He raises grain, having 30 acres of wheat, 90 acres of corn and 80 acres of oats. He raises Short-horn cattle and has eight full blooded cattle and one registered sire (Duke Irvin). His other stock consists of Duroc Jersey swine and Norman horses. From a small beginning, having only \$7.00 in cash and an ox team to start with, he has made a pronounced success of farming and shows promise of continued pros-

perity. In politics, a Democrat, he has held several offices in the village, has been treasurer of Delhi village council for three years, and for twelve years clerk of the school board of district No. 18. For six years he has been the secretary of the Farmers' Grain and Fuel company of Delhi and is a stockholder in it, and at one time he was the secretary of the Delhi creamery. At one time he was also a stockholder of the Delhi State Bank. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. of lodge No. 68, of Redwood Falls. Mr. Rogers was married, February 9, 1881, to Mary Parker, who was born in Australia, August 8, 1862, daughter of William and Bridget (Butler) Parker. Her mother was born in Ireland in 1834, and died in 1909. Her father, born in Canada, in 1830, went to Australia where he made a moderate fortune in the gold fields. He met his future wife, married and returned to Canada, where he died December 22, 1899. They had eight children: Mary; John, residing in Michigan; Rebecca (Mrs. James Good of North Dakota); James, of Michigan; William, of South Dakota; Robert, of Delhi township; George, on the homestead in Canada, and Margaret, wife of Joseph Butters, a veterinary surgeon of Renville county. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have the following children: John, born January 21, 1882, who married Rose Ducett, in 1913, and has one child, Olive, born May 3, 1914; William, born July 10, 1884, was married February 28, 1913, to Wilhelmina Fader, born July 14, 1892; Leila, born January 25, 1889, who is principal of the Morgan high school; Ira and Clara, twins, born September 27, 1894, of whom Clara is teaching in Kintire township, and Ira is a student at Cornell College in Iowa; and Robert, born October 23, 1897.

George Stronach, a prominent farmer of Delhi township, was born October 19, 1837, in the Parish of Glass, Scotland, son of John and Jane (McIntire) Stronach. The father, a Scotch farmer, was born in 1812 and died in the fall of 1875, the mother died in June, 1849, both parents having spent their lives in Scotland. George was the eldest of twelve children the others being: Margaret, now Mrs. James Taylor; William, deceased; John, deceased; Annie, widow of Peter Watson; James; Alexander; Elizabeth, deceased; Robert and John (twins); Jean, now Mrs. Geo. Robertson, and Charles. All the living children, except George, reside in Scotland. George Stronach came to America in the spring of 1869 and spent the next six years in Wabasha county. In April, 1875, he came to Redwood county and purchased 160 acres in section 20, Delhi township. This land was wild and uncultivated and here he engaged in farming with his team of oxen. He erected a one-room frame house, 14 by 16 feet, which several years later was replaced by a larger house, and in 1914 he built the present home of eight rooms. The first barn was a rude straw-covered structure. For four years he farmed with his oxen be-



MR. AND MRS. ALONZO A. NEALE

fore he was able to secure a team of horses. In 1878 he planted a grove of cottonwood and box-elder trees which now surround the house on two sides. Mr. Stronach is a member of the Republican party and has taken active interest in the affairs of his community. He was president of the school board for district No. 18 from 1875 to 1881 and its clerk for three years at a later period. In 1876 he was township supervisor, the township being organized that year. From 1877 to 1880 he was township treasurer and from 1880 to 1886 was chairman of the township board. From 1886 to 1888 he served as township assessor. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Delhi and he and his family are faithful members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Stronach was married August 7, 1881, to Hannah McLennan, who was born in Nova Scotia, June 1, 1848, daughter of Angus and Christina (McDonald) McLennan, both natives of Scotland, who came to Nova Scotia, and later moved to Bruce, Ontario, where they died. There were nine children in the family: Christina, deceased; Angus, deceased; Margaret, now Mrs. Isaac Leslie, of Delhi; Neil, deceased; Catherine, now Mrs. Solomon Russell, of Ontario, Canada; Francis, deceased; Mary, deceased; Hannah; Ann, widow of Hugh McDougall, of Delhi, Minn. Mr. and Mrs. Stronach's children are: John, born January 21, 1883; Francis, born June 17, 1885; Christine, born August 3, 1888; and William, born October 11, 1890. All reside at home with the exception of John, who for the past seven years has served in the Second Cavalry, United States army, in which he is now a corporal. He is now stationed at Ft. Ethan, Vermont.

Alonzo A. Neale, a prosperous farmer of Delhi township, was born August 13, 1854, at Packwaukee, Wis., son of Robert and Diana (Sharpe) Neale, both parents being born and married in England. The father came to America in 1852, and returned later to England for his bride. He was a tailor and followed his trade for a year at Chicago, then to Packwaukee, Wis., where he went into the grocery business and also followed the tailor's trade. He died in 1911 in Sonoma county, Calif., where he was living with his daughter Alma, his wife having died in Packwaukee, in 1882. They had the following children: Alonzo A.; Alma (Mrs. Joseph Koebom, of Sonoma county, Calif.); Jennie (Mrs. Edward Kelly), now deceased; Alva, who is in the grocery business at Sonoma, Calif., and Agnes, who died in infancy. Alonzo A. Neale completed his education while in Wisconsin and at the age of 25 years went in 1879, to Redwood county, Minn., where he bought 80 acres in Delhi township, to which he made additions from time to time until he owned 120 acres. The land was without improvements when he came into possession of it. He erected a small frame house 12 by 16 feet, which was later enlarged so that now he has a good eight-room house. He has also built sub-

stantial barns, a granary and other needed buildings. He raises Poland China swine and Clyde and Percheron horses, and owns from six to eight milch cows. As a grain farmer he has 45 acres of wheat, 45 acres of corn and 20 acres of oats. In politics Mr. Neale is a Democrat. He has been a director of school district No. 53 for three years. He is a stockholder of the Farmers' Grain and Fuel Company, of Delhi, and of the Farmers' Elevator of North Redwood. He is a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Neale was married November 16, 1881, to Christina Johnstone, who was born in Ontario, Canada, December 28, 1858, daughter of James and Christina (McClennan) Johnstone, both parents being born in Scotland. They both came to Canada at an early age and were married in Toronto, moving to Redwood county in 1868, where Mr. Johnstone bought 80 acres of land in Delhi township. In 1871 he sold this land and took a homestead in New Avon township, living there five years. Then he traded this property for a farm in Delhi township, which he later sold to his eldest son. He then moved to Redwood Falls, where he lived for several years and later made his home with his daughter until his death, May 23, 1909. His wife died May 25, 1903. There were six children in the family: Christina; James A., of Mankato, Minn.; Margaret S., widow of Geo. Brown, Redwood Falls, Minn.; Mary J. (Mrs. G. C. Engerman, of Excelsior, Minn.); Angus W., of Redwood Falls, Minn.; and John F. Mr. and Mrs. Neale have the following children: Alva A., born September 17, 1882, who married, October 4, 1905, Ellen Bendorf, of Sonora, Calif., and has one child, Florence, born February 23, 1907; Arthur A., born January 26, 1884, who married June 9, 1909, Ethel Pomroy, of Kintire township, and has three children: Eldridge, Beatrice C., and Alma J.; Diana C., born May 26, 1885, who married George Federly of Redwood Falls, June 2, 1909, and has two children, Clara May, born March 12, 1910, and Neale Albert, born May 7, 1913; William I., born February 5, 1887; J. Wesley, born June 18, 1889; Evelyn I., born December 19, 1891; Melba M., born January 29, 1894, and Robert F., born July 7, 1898.

Byron R. Whittet, an enterprising farmer of Paxton township, was born July 10, 1887, Dane county, Wis., son of Thomas A. and Henrietta (Smith) Whittet. The father was born in Dane county, Wis., July 11, 1860, and is now living on a farm in Redwood Falls township with his wife, who was born in Dane county, Wis., September 16, 1862. He came to Redwood county in March, 1892, and bought 160 acres in section 21, Delhi township. After eight years he sold this and bought 280 acres in Redwood Falls township. Byron R. Whittet is the eldest of four children: Byron, Hubert, Helen and Grace. After completing his work in the public schools, Byron R. Whittet took a course in agriculture at the Minnesota University in 1907 and 1908 and farmed with

his father until 1909, when he rented the present place of 160 acres in section 15, Paxton township, and two years afterwards purchased it. The farm was well improved and had an eight-room house, good barns and granary, a grove and an apple orchard. Mr. Whittet has made further improvements and this year is raising 50 acres of corn, 50 acres of oats, and 25 acres of hay and also markets about 30 head of Duroc Jersey swine, and 18 head of grade Shorthorn cattle, with a full blooded sire. He also has three good graded brood mares. In politics Mr. Whittet is Independent. He was constable of Paxton township during 1912 and 1913 and has served as assessor of this township since 1914. He is a member of the A. O. U. W. of Redwood Falls and his wife is a member of the Christian church of Redwood Falls. Mr. Whittet was married October 27, 1909, to Mildred Wetmore, who was born May 27, 1888, in Clay county, Iowa, daughter of Seymour and Samantha (Shaffer) Wetmore. Her father was born in Iowa, June 6, 1859, and came to Redwood county, March, 1906, where he engaged in farming. Later he sold his farm to Byron Whittet. Mrs. Wetmore was born April 14, 1861, at Freeport, Ill. Both parents of Mrs. Whittet are now living at Redwood Falls. Mr. Wetmore is affiliated with the I. O. O. F. and the M. W. A. of Redwood Falls, and the family are members of the Christian church. There are four children in the family: Everet, of Paxton township; Ralph, of Redwood Falls township; Mildred (Mrs. Whittet), and Mable, now Mrs. Lewis Cheney, of Paxton township. Mr. and Mrs. Whittet have one child, Donald, born September 4, 1910.

Gottlieb Hauptli was born in Switzerland and was there married. In 1874 he came to America, found his way to Minnesota and to this county and homesteaded one hundred sixty acres in section 22, New Avon township. Starting on a small scale and undergoing all the hardships of pioneer life, he, in time, became a prosperous and successful farmer. He died in 1898. Mr. Hauptli was married in Switzerland to Rosetta Hoffman, who died March 19, 1906. In the family there were six children: Rose, wife of William Lindeman, a merchant of Rowena; Louisa, wife of Fred Mursett, of Redwood Falls; Fred, a farmer of New Avon township; John, who died October 30, 1898, at the age of twenty-one; Mary, wife of James Peterson, a traveling salesman of Sleepy Eye; Lydia, of Sleepy Eye, and Oscar, who died in infancy.

Fred Hauptli, enterprising farmer of New Avon township, was born in Switzerland, June 13, 1872, son of Gottlieb and Rosetta (Hoffman) Hauptli, who brought him to New Avon township in 1874. He was reared on this place, attended the district schools, learned farming from his father, gradually assumed the management of the home farm and purchased it in 1900. He is one of the rising men of the community, carries on general farming along

the latest approved methods and takes an interest in education, serving as director of school district No. 8 for six years. Mr. Hauptli was married August 28, 1900, to Mary Bill, who was born September 29, 1878, daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Kor-mann) Bill. Mr. and Mrs. Hauptli have eight children: John, Leona, Elmer, Albert, Fred A. (died in infancy), Henry, Leonard and Irvin.

August Lindeman, a Minnesota territorial pioneer, was born February 6, 1822, in Germany, and came to Rochester, Minnesota, in 1854, where he remained for three years. Then he moved to Le Seuer county and remained there for eleven years. In 1868 he bought 160 acres of land in section 7, in the northwest quarter of Beaver Falls township, where he remained until the spring of 1894, when he retired from farming and moved to North Redwood. On this farm he built a one and a half story log house, 18 by 18 feet, with a shingled roof and board floor, hauling the material from Mankato. Beginning farming with a plow, harrow and a wagon, as his only tools, he gradually improved his land until, in 1894, he had increased his farm to 560 acres. He died in 1896. His good wife, whose maiden name was Mary Grauke, was born in Germany, January 6, 1834, and is now living at North Redwood at the age of eighty-four.

William Lindeman, a leading citizen and merchant of Rowena, was born in Le Seuer county, Minnesota, October 4, 1865, the son of August and Mary (Grauke) Lindeman, who brought him to Beaver Falls township, Renville county, in 1868. There he was reared and attended the public schools. In 1885 he purchased 160 acres in section 34, New Avon township, this county, and there successfully farmed for many years. In 1897, seeing the possibilities of a mercantile career in the vicinity, he opened a general store near the New Avon creamery in section 32, New Avon township. In 1911, however, when it became evident that Rowena was to be the trading center of the community, he opened a store in that village, which he has since continued to conduct. In that village he makes his home in a splendid modern residence which he erected in 1912, consisting of ten rooms with full basement and many improvements, and is the finest place in the vicinity. In 1915 Mr. Lindeman widened his interests by opening a general store at Clements, which he is conducting in connection with his store at Rowena. A thorough believer in education, Mr. Lindeman has done good service as clerk of the school district No. 7 for some fourteen years. Mr. Lindeman was married October 21, 1890, to Rosa Hauptli, born May 2, 1870, daughter of Gottlieb and Rosetta (Hoffman) Hauptli. Mr. and Mrs. Lindeman have been blessed with six children: Sarah, Zelma, Irvin, Henry, Lester and Mable. Sarah was born September 6, 1891, and was married June 26, 1913, to Edward Schuester of Crookston, Minnesota.

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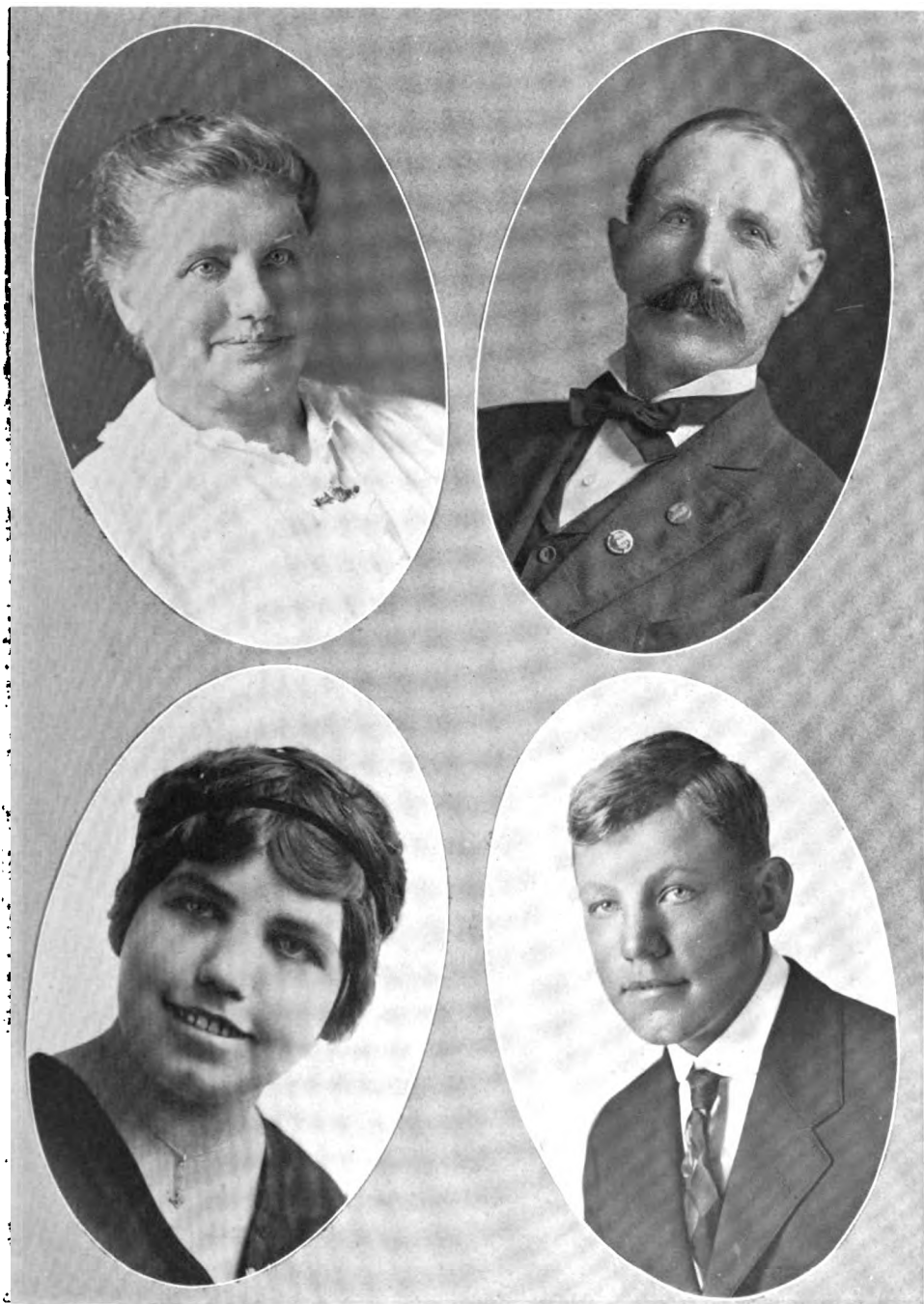


Zelma was born July 18, 1893, graduated from the Normal department of the Redwood Falls High School and is now a teacher in Olivia. Irvin was born December 1, 1894; Henry was born September 20, 1897; Lester was born June 26, 1902; and Mable was born December 31, 1905.

Douglas Allan, an enterprising and up-to-date farmer of Paxton township, was born September 14, 1861, near Aberdeen, Scotland, son of William and Annie (Creb) Allan, both deceased. His father was a gardener and died before Douglas left Scotland, and his mother died in 1909. There were ten children in the family, those now living being residents of Scotland, Canada and the United States. Douglas Allan emigrated to America in 1884 and located in Nebraska, where he remained one year. He then moved to Ramsey county, Minn., where he remained until 1888, when he came to Redwood county and bought 320 acres in section 27, Paxton township. On this uncultivated land he began farming, broke the land and made improvements from time to time as his means permitted, with the result that he now has a fine farm with up-to-date buildings, among which may be mentioned a barn, 100 by 40 feet, and a comfortable, seven-room, modern home, all the buildings being equipped with running water and electric lights. A progressive farmer, he has taken a course at the agricultural college at Hamline, Minn., and is making practical application of the knoweldge gained at that institution. He makes a specialty of raising full-blooded cattle and of the Short-horn breed, Poland China swine and Percheron and Clyde horses, and has 100 acres of wheat, 100 acres of corn, 50 acres of oats and ten of barley, the rest of the land being given up to pasture. He has also a fine grove and apple and plum orchards. In politics Mr. Allan is an Independent and has served as a member of the township board of Paxton two years, and as treasurer of the school board of district No. 47 three years. Mr. Allan was married October 15, 1885, to Elizabeth Leggat, born July 13, 1859, near Glasgow, Scotland, the only child of John and Agnes (Miller) Leggat. Her father was born in 1835 and died in 1900; her mother, born in 1845, died in 1863 in Scotland. Mrs. Allan came to America in 1873 and lived three years at Long Island, New York. She then resided one year on the Hudson river, and subsequently spent a year in Kansas, and one in Missouri. In 1877 she came to Minnesota with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dennistoun, met her future husband in Ramsey county and was married in Minneapolis. She has served as a member of the school board of district No. 47 for twelve years. Mr. and Mrs. Allan have eight children: William D., born May 7, 1887, now living at Brooks, Minn., who married October 2, 1908, Laura Larsen, and has two children: Elizabeth J., born July 29, 1909, and Annie Laurie, born May 6, 1912; Agnes M., born April 16,

1889, now Mrs. Clarence Okins of Redwood Falls township; Margaret D., born January 29, 1891, a stenographer, in Elmore, Minn.; James G., born September 11, 1892, residing at home; Annie E., born February 9, 1894, who is a teacher; George W., born August 19, 1896; Mary H., born November 24, 1898, and John L., born June 10, 1900, the three youngest children being at home. The family are members of the Presbyterian church.

C. M. Bendixen, for over a decade Redwood county's representative in the lower house of the Minnesota State Legislature, was born in Denmark, December 3, 1857, son of Christian and Caroline (Jensen) Bendixen. He was reared in his native land and learned agricultural pursuits from his father. In 1880 he came to America, crossed the continent and worked four years in a vineyard in Alameda county, California. In 1884 he came to this state and located in St. Paul, where he secured clerical work, first in railroad offices and later in the office of the auditor of Ramsey county. In the meanwhile he studied evenings, covering the common branches and the usual high school subjects. Thus prepared he matriculated in the evening law school in the University of Minnesota, pursuing the courses for some two years. His early training, however, gave him a longing for outdoor life and in 1897 he came to Redwood county and purchased his present place of 200 acres in section 13, to which he moved the next year. Soon after his arrival he set out an orchard of three acres. In 1901 he erected a splendid modern home and in 1910 constructed a new barn. Other buildings have been erected as necessity required. His farm is in splendid condition, thoroughly tiled and equipped with all the latest implements and machinery. On this place Mr. Bendixen carries on general farming, raising Short-horn cattle, and full-blooded Poland China swine, and makes a specialty of White Wyandotte chickens. A thorough believer in the co-operative movement, he assisted in organizing the Farmer's Elevator at Morgan and has been its only president. Since 1905 he has been treasurer of the Morgan co-operative creamery. For many years Mr. Bendixen served as clerk of the school board of his district. In 1906 he was elected a member of the State Legislature and his services have been so satisfactory that he has since been continued in that office. In this capacity he has given eminent satisfaction to his constituents. His voice and vote have ever been on the side of what he has believed to be for the best interests of his state and his ability and integrity have won the esteem and respect of his colleagues. Mr. Bendixen was married March 27, 1886, to Cecelia Larsen, who was born in Denmark August 7, 1865, and died December 25, 1887, leaving one child, Cecelia E. F., who was born December 17, 1887, and died in May, 1888. In November, 1893, Mr. Bendixen married Annie Peterson, who was born in Denmark, August 19, 1863.



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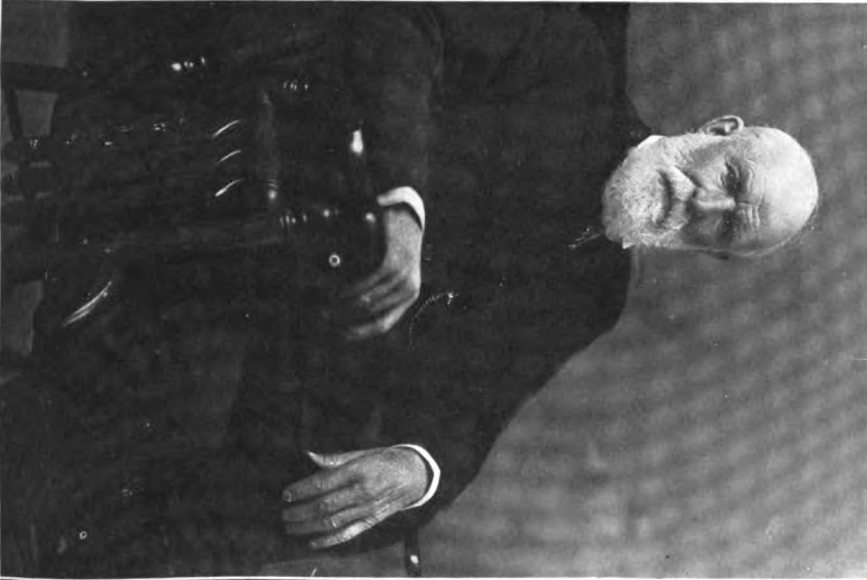
This union has been blessed with three children: Cecelia E. F., Helen and Elmer. Cecelia E. F. was born August 8, 1894, and died at the age of four months. Helen was born June 28, 1896, and was graduated in 1914, from the Morgan high school; Elmer was born September 8, 1900, and has taken the short course in the agricultural department of the University of Minnesota.

Lars Benson, a progressive farmer of Three Lakes township, was born in Denmark, April 11, 1873, son of Nels and Maren (Rasmus) Benson. For 35 years his father was the guard at the State prison on the Island of Zealand, near Copenhagen. The mother of Lars died in 1904 at the age of seventy. There were eight children in the family of whom two came to America. Lars came in 1892 and his brother Jens in 1901. The latter engaged in farming in Spink county, South Dakota. Lars Benson worked out near Sleepy Eye for five years. Then in 1900 he bought 160 acres of land in section 12, Three Lakes township, where he now lives. Here he built a seven-room frame house in 1911, and a barn, 36 by 40, in 1902, and planted a fine three-acre grove. He has 35 acres of clover and timothy and keeps graded Shorthorn cattle and Poland China swine, feeding and shipping half a car-load of swine every year, besides carrying on general farming and dairying. He is director of the Farmers' Elevator Company and president of the creamery and of the Shipping Association at Morgan. For three years he has been treasurer of school district No. 83. Fraternally he is affiliated with the M. B. A. Mr. Benson was married September 17, 1897, to Jennie Paulsen, who was born in Denmark, January 30, 1875, daughter of Adolph Paulsen. Her father was a farmer of Brookville township, who died in 1894, at the age of 54 years; his wife, Mrs. Ellen Paulsen, dying in 1911, at the age of 73. There were five children born to this union: Louis, May 4, 1900; Mary, September 10, 1901; Edward, December 25, 1905; Edna, January 20, 1909, and Harvey, June 16, 1910. All reside at home. The family are members of the Danish Lutheran church.

Gustav Backer, postmaster of Clements, was born in Brown county, Minn., June 27, 1877. In 1896 he began working out in Redwood county, where he lived until June, 1898, after which he spent six months at Echo, Minn. The next year and a half was spent at Currie, Minn., where he engaged in business. October 1, 1903, he opened a place in Clements, which he conducted until July, 1908. Then he became cashier of the state bank of Clements which position he held for six years. At the end of that time he bought the general store of William Kuehn of Clements, which he has since conducted. December 8, 1914, Mr. Backer was appointed postmaster of Clements and keeps the office in his store, having as assistants, Margaret Neudecker and Elizabeth Bierl. He was village treasurer in 1908 and 1909 and served on

the school board in 1909. Mr. Backer was married January 19, 1904, to Clara Prokosch, born July 3, 1884, daughter of Frank Prokosch, a farmer of Clements, and his wife, Annie (Krippner) Prokosch. Mr. and Mrs. Backer have four children: Annie M., Sylvester, Leo and Helen. The family are members of the German Lutheran church of which Mr. Backer is sexton.

Thomas Dennistoun, Sr., son of Malcolm and Ellen (Dobbie) Dennistoun, was born in Scotland, August 20, 1839. His father, a farmer and stone-wall contractor of the county of Stirling, Scotland, was born August 6, 1812, and died December 23, 1880; his wife was born April 10, 1816, and died April 1, 1899. There were the following children in the family: Agnes, Thomas, Malcolm, Christian, Ann, and Jane, all, with the exception of the subject of this sketch, now living in England or Scotland. Thomas Dennistoun came to America in January, 1872, and remained in New York state three and a half years, living on Long Island one year. In 1876 he went to Ellis county, Kansas, and worked as foreman on a ranch, where he remained one year. He then went to Minneapolis, Minn., and was foreman on Col. King's farm, now a part of the city of Minneapolis, where he remained two years. Then he moved to Wisconsin, but after spending a year there, came to Redwood county, Minnesota, in 1884, where he bought half of section 27 and later a quarter section more at \$10 per acre. This land is now worth \$140 per acre. His son now lives on the western half of the former farm in Paxton township. In the early days this farm was called the "Huddles," because the white people took refuge there seeking protection from the Indians during the uprising. When Mr. Dennistoun took possession of the farm there were two old houses on it, one of which he occupied for several years. In 1901 he built the present home, a fine eight-room residence. He now rents most of the farm, but when he was actively engaged in tilling the soil he specialized in raising stock, having from 40 to 60 head of Shorthorn cattle a year, 30 head of Clyde graded horses and 80 to 100 head of Berkshire and Poland China swine a year. He also handled sheep, but of late years has done but little with any stock. He used to raise 75 acres each of corn and oats, the rest of his land being set aside for pasture. In politics a Republican, Mr. Dennistoun served for 20 years on the township board and was also a member of the school board for many years. He is a member of the Presbyterian church of Redwood Falls. Mr. Dennistoun was married February 24, 1865, in Scotland to Margaret Miller, born February 26, 1833, daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (Shaw) Miller, who were married November 15, 1824. Her father was born in Scotland and died at the age of 40 years; her mother, also born in Scotland, died at the age of 68. Their children were: Elizabeth, born October 4, 1825; Margaret, born December 23, 1826; Alexander,



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS DENNISTOUN



**MR. AND MRS. ROBERT PARKER
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born November 1, 1828; Janet, born April 18, 1830; Ann, born October 26, 1831; Margaret, born February 26, 1833; Jane McCally, born April 7, 1835; Mary, born June 11, 1838; Agnes, born May 1, 1840; Annabelle Todd, born November 1, 1845; and David, born February 5, 1847. Mr. and Mrs. Dennistoun have the following children: Elizabeth, born November 23, 1865, in Scotland, who died December 4, 1869; Malcom, born December 24, 1867; Thomas, born January 4, 1870, who died December 12, 1872; Alexander, born June 5, 1872; David, born April 17, 1874; Margaret, born July 21, 1876, who is now Mrs. Fred M. Banker, of Redwood Falls; Thomas, born October 1, 1878; and James, born February 28, 1882, who died August 3, 1884.

Robert Parker, an early settler of Three Lakes township, this county, now deceased, was born in Lincolnshire, England, November 10, 1838, was there reared and educated and there grew to manhood. In 1867 he came to America and after living two years in Wisconsin came to Three Lakes township in 1869 and homesteaded a tract of land in section 20, Three Lakes township. He broke the land, erected suitable buildings and prosperously carried on general farming until 1902, when he moved to Redwood Falls, where he died June 2, 1912. Since that time his widow has made her home in St. Paul. Mr. Parker was married in England to Maria Kemp and to this union were born four children: Emma, wife of H. B. Bacon, of St. Paul; Mary, now Mrs. Theodore Dahms, of Clements, this county; William R. and Joseph, both successful farmers of Three Lakes. David Parker, a brother of Robert Parker, lives in Redwood Falls; his other relatives being in England.

William R. Parker, one of the successful and prosperous farmers of Three Lakes township, is a thorough product of Redwood county, having been born in the township where he now resides, August 27, 1879, son of Robert and Maria (Kemp) Parker. He attended the district schools of his neighborhood and later had the advantages of courses in the Wilder College in Cottonwood county, this state and in the Mankato Commercial College, Mankato, Minnesota. He divided his time between attending school, working for his father and working for others as a farm hand for several years. Since 1902, he has had charge of the home place, which he purchased in 1912. This fine farm of 320 acres shows everywhere his thrift and good judgment. Year by year, he has made improvements until he has now one of the finest places in the vicinity. The sightly barn, 40 by 70 feet, with its concrete foundation and floor, and the corn crib, 24 by 40 feet, were both constructed in 1913. The ten-room modern home with its concrete basement and complete with all modern fixtures including hot air heat was erected in 1915. This place has a good grove, and an acre of fruit and is well-fenced and tilled. A spe-

cialty is made of Shorthorn cattle. Although busy with his farm duties, Mr. Parker has taken an interest in public affairs and has been a director of school district No. 106 for some time. He is also director of the Redwood County Rural Telephone Company. Mr. Parker was married September 3, 1902, to Gunella Johnson, born June 29, 1878, daughter of Holmer and Margaret (Nelson) Johnson, who lives on a farm near Sturgis, South Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Parker have four children: Edgar, born September 9, 1903; Herbert, born August 30, 1905; Helen, born January 15, 1908; Gladys, born January 30, 1911.

Severt Johnson was born in Norway, and in 1853 came to America and located in Brown county, Minn., where he rented a farm and engaged in farming. In 1905 he came to Westline township, Redwood county, where he is still living. His wife, Bertha Knutson, was born July 24, 1854, in Norway and came to America in 1869. There were five children in the family: Nettie, born July 27, 1878; Bessie, born Nov. 1, 1887; now Mrs. Loris Quam, wife of a painter at Peken, North Dakota; Rena, born October 20, 1889, wife of Ed. Enstad, a farmer of Hamer, North Dakota; Julius, born April 21, 1892, and died March 6, 1911; and Carl, born April 4, 1894, who lives on the home farm in Westline township.

Enoch L. Ahlness was born in Linden, Brown county, this state, January 16, 1871, son of Lars Ahlness, a native of Norway, who located in Brown county in 1865. Enoch L. Ahlness was employed on various farms in Brown county, until 1896, when he came to Redwood county, and secured 160 acres in section 14, Westline township. He broke the prairie, set out a grove, built a good frame house and barn, and carried on general farming until his death, January 20, 1915. He was married July 2, 1901, to Nettie Johnson, born July 27, 1878, daughter of Severt and Bertha (Knutson) Johnson. Since the death of Mr. Ahlness, his wife has rented the farm, but still continues to reside there.

Joseph Dobias was born in 1835 in Austria and came to America in 1863, locating in St. Paul, Minn., where he worked on the river boats for two years. In 1865 he bought forty acres of timber land in Scott county, which he sold in 1875, and moved to Brown county, Minn. Here he bought 160 acres of wild prairie lands, near the present town of Sleepy Eye. He improved the land, built a frame house and barn and there farmed for fifteen years. In 1890 he sold this and bought 800 acres in sections 3, 10, 11 and 16, in Westline township, 240 acres of which was afterward divided among his sons. In 1903 he sold his farm and moved to Pope county, Minn., where he now lives. While in this county he served as a member of the school board for two years and as road overseer for six years. Mr. Dobias was married in Austria in 1858, to Frances Serbus, who died in 1868. By this marriage



MR. AND MRS. ENOCH L. AHLNESS AND SON

there were the following children: Frank, now a farmer of Renville county, Minn.; James, a farmer of Montana; John; and Joseph, who died in 1865. In 1869 Mr. Dobias married Mary Peterka, born in 1855 and this union resulted in the following children: Anton, who died in 1903; Joseph, of Pope county, Minnesota; Mary, Mrs. Frank Kopjetin; Charles, a farmer in Nebraska; Peter, now station agent in Angus, Pope county; William, a farmer near Duluth; Josephine; Mrs. J. Sykes, of Granite Rock township; Barbara, Mrs. Otto Sykes, of Granite Rock township; and Benjamin, who died in 1909.

John Dobias, a well-known farmer of Westline township, was born November 1, 1866, in Belle Plaine, Scott county, this state, son of Joseph and Frances (Serbus) Dobias. He lived with his parents in Scott, Brown and Redwood counties, and in 1892 secured from his father 80 acres in section 11, Westline township. To this he has added 240 acres more in the same section, and 160 acres in section 10, making in all 480 acres. From time to time he has erected good buildings, and aside from a comfortable home, now has a good barn, two granaries, two steel tank cribs, a machine shed, two chicken houses, a swine house and a blacksmith shop. He carries on general farming, and makes a specialty of Duroc Jersey swine. In public life he has done good service as road overseer and as a director of school district No. 87. He was married March 26, 1892, to Frances Slama, born in Austria, February, 1866, and this union resulted in the following children: Ferdinand, Frances, George, Wenzel, Joseph and Anna. Ferdinand was born June 6, 1894; Frances, December 6, 1895; George, December 19, 1898; Wenzel, September 26, 1903; Joseph, January 2, 1906, and Anna, November 25, 1910.

Ernest E. Weber, manager of the Farmers' Elevator at Rowena, was born in Switzerland, November 14, 1883, son of John and Anna (Kormann) Weber. John Weber came to America in 1888 and farmed in Brown county until 1897, when he located in section 25, New Avon township, till 1913, and then moved to Vail township, where he is now. They have five children: Fred, Albert, Ernest E., Marie and Alma. Ernest remained at home until his marriage. Then he worked in the Farmers' Elevator at Sleepy Eye for one year, was road overseer for two years and next became manager of the Farmers' Elevator at Rowena, Redwood county, where he is now. The Rowena Farmers' Elevator Company was organized in the spring of 1913 with the following officers: President, Peter A. Gores; vice president, A. Datwyler; secretary, William Anton; and treasurer, Joseph Salfar. A frame building was put up, having a capacity of 20,000 bushels. About 200,000 bushels are handled every year. Mr. Weber was married November 30, 1911, to Rosa S. Georgius, born January 2, 1888, daughter of Theodore Georgius, a farmer of New Avon town-

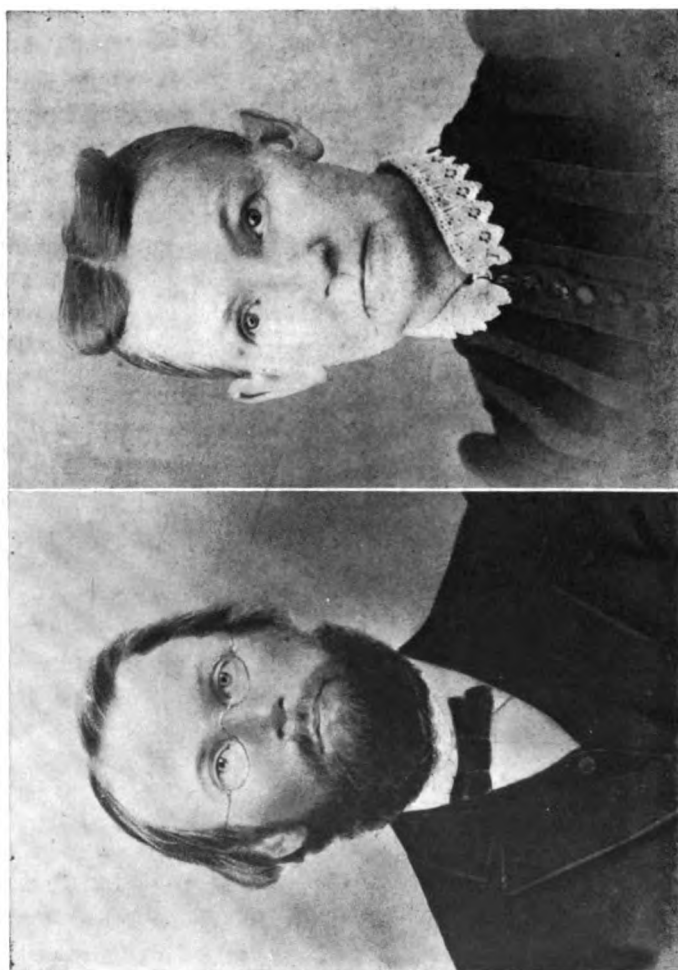
ship and a native of Germany, now deceased, and his wife now of Wabasso. The family are members of the Evangelical church.

Jens S. Gunelson, of the firm known as Gimmestad Land & Loan Agency, of Belview, Minn., was born November 27, 1876, in Christiana (better known as Koshkonong), Dane county, Wis., son of Ole Gunnuldson and Lisa (Lier) Gunnuldson. His father was born in 1842 in Koshkonong, son of Gunnuld Vindeg, who came to America from Norway in 1839, and located in the town of Christiana, Dane county, Wis. Gunnuld Vindeg rowed up the Koshkonong river and settled in Koshkonong, of which place he was one of the first Norwegian settlers. There he farmed until his death in 1843, being accidentally killed while hauling grain to Milwaukee in his "Kubberulle," the plank-wheel wagon used by early settlers. Ole Gunnuldson was both a farmer and master builder and built the East Koshkonong Synod Lutheran church, which cost about \$10,000. His wife was born in 1846 in Koshkonong. They are still living in that place, but are now retired from active work. They had four children, namely: Gustave, who is now farming near the old home; Annetta, who is now Mrs. Gunder Pederson, living near Greenbush, Minn.; Peter, who now owns and operates the old homestead farm; and Jens S., the direct subject of this sketch. Jens S. Gunelson grew up on the home farm and attended the common schools of his locality. He also attended and was graduated in 1898 from the Stoughton Academy at Stoughton, Wis. In the fall of 1898 he came to Belview, Minn., where he engaged in the trade of carpenter and contractor. In 1900 he entered the employ of O. A. Gimmestad and in 1903 became a partner of the firm of Gimmestad Land & Loan Agency. He was justice of the peace in Belview from 1902 to 1910, served as village recorder for five years, and is the present mayor, having been elected in March, 1915, and having succeeded himself in the same office in March, 1916. The family faith is the Norwegian Synod church. Mr. Gunelson was married June 23, 1904, to Mina C. Flom, who was born July 21, 1879, in Columbia county, Wis., daughter of Ole O. Flom, born August 29, 1851, in Dane county, Wis. Mr. and Mrs. Gunelson have five children: Sarah L., born July 28, 1905; Otto F., born June 1, 1907; Adolph G., born October 8, 1909; Walter O., born March 9, 1912, and Margaret Jeanette born March 9, 1916.

William R. Goudy, manager of the Farmers' Grain and Fuel Company at Seaforth, was born in Goodhue county, Minn., September 27, 1865, son of Francis and Bridget (McAweeny) Goudy. Francis Goudy was a native of Ireland and came to America in 1860, locating in Goodhue county, Minn., where he still farms. William R. remained on the home farm until 1884 when he bought 320 acres in section 22, in Sheridan township. From 1900 to 1907 he rented his farm and lived at Seaforth, but has since



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lived upon the farm. He has been manager of the Farmers' Grain and Fuel Company at Seaforth since 1913 and director of same since 1907. He served as assessor for eight years and township clerk for three years. Fraternally he is affiliated with the A. F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F., the M. W. A., the A. O. U. W. and the Eastern Star. He has held all the chairs in the I. O. O. F. and M. W. A. Mr. Goudy was married September 27, 1892, to Mae L. Stegner, born April 8, 1873, daughter of Manuel Stegner, a mason of Minneapolis, and pioneer of Redwood county, and his wife, Louisa (Jennings) Stegner, who died in 1885. There were eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Goudy: Annie, who died April 20, 1904; Ruth, a student at Carleton college; Francis, William, Esther, George L., James L., and Robert Lloyd.

Harmony B. Johnson, now deceased, formerly of Sheridan township, was born in Essex county, New York, March 13 1828, and died December 22, 1896. He was the son of Palmer and Polly Johnson, farmers of New York. He enlisted at Ft. Snelling in Company C., Fourth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, September 25, 1861, and was discharged for disability May 19, 1862. He took part in the Indian campaign and at Ft. Ripley received the injury which caused his discharge and which ultimately caused his death. He came to Redwood county in 1884, and bought 160 acres in section 27, Sheridan township, where he resided until his death, December 22, 1896. A man of local prominence in his day, he served as township treasurer. He was married February 6, 1857, to Fanny Sophia Atwood, who was born March 20, 1836, daughter of Luke Atwood, a shoemaker of Newport, N. H., and his wife Emily L. (Duncklee) Atwood. Mrs. Johnson's first husband was Job Johnson, a blacksmith, to whom she was married in Elgin, Ill., July 12, 1852. He was born June 17, 1828, in Claremont, N. H., son of Reuben and Nancy (Dudley) Johnson, and died in May, 1855. One son was born of this union: Arthur, March 28, 1855. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Johnson had the following children: Walter, born Jan. 6, 1858, who died July 26, 1858; Wilber R., born February 28 1860; George Herbert, born November 28, 1862; Nora, born April 2, 1865, who died in infancy; Judson Eugene, born June 7, 1867, who died August 17, 1880; Fred C., born July 8, 1873, now of Minneapolis; Nettie Isabel, born May 14, 1875; Lovel Beach, born September 25, 1877, who died October 6, 1883, and Nettie Isabel, who was married December 12, 1893, to Henry Fish, a farmer of Belview, born February 11, 1866.

Hagen Johnson was born August 23, 1866, in Norway, where he received his education and grew to manhood. In 1889 he came to America and located at Wood Lake, Yellow Medicine county, Minn., where he secured employment as a section hand on the railway for three years. In 1892 with his brother Holvre, he

bought 160 acres in section 23, Westline township, Redwood county. In 1897 he bought Holvre's interest and later added eighty acres in section 23 and 160 acres in Comstock township; Marshall county, Minn. He set out a grove, moved his house over from Wood Lake and built a barn. He continued his work of improvement and in 1900 built a house and in 1914 a barn. He served as treasurer of the school board for nine years. He was married in Norway in 1889, to Ingrid Liagjheld, born September 24, 1862, and the union resulted in the following children: John, born September 8, 1890; Rose, born July 3, 1892; Louis, born October 29, 1894; Eddie and Emma, born April 1, 1898, and Eddie, died February 18, 1914; Gertrude, born June 21, 1901; Henry, born March 14, 1905.

Albert Bratsch, of Westline township, was born in Germany, May 3, 1881, son of Carl and Augusta (Dornneman) Bratsch. Carl Bratsch was born in Germany and came to America in 1884, locating in Milford, Brown county, Minn., where he bought 180 acres of improved land. In 1911 he sold this and moved to Nicollet county, where he bought 330 acres in sections 1 and 12, Brighton township, where he still resides. He was married in 1880 in Germany, to Augusta Dorn, born February 14, 1860. There were three children in the family: Albert, born May 3, 1881; Gustave, born Oct. 17, 1889, now on the home farm at Brighton; and August, born March 14, 1895, also at home. Albert remained at home on the farm until twenty-one years of age. He attended the common school and learned farming. In 1902 he came to section 3, Gales township, Redwood county, where he took charge of a farm owned by his father. He broke the land, planted a grove and erected suitable buildings. In 1908 he sold this and moved to Westline township, where he purchased 160 acres of improved land in section 26. He has served as a member of the school board since 1908 and as township treasurer since 1914. He is a stockholder in the Farmers' Elevator Company.

Mathias Ahlnes, a thrifty farmer of Westline township, was born Nov. 24, 1874, in Linden township, Brown county, Minn., son of Lars and Sigre (Hougan) Ahlnes. Lars Ahlnes was born in 1841 in Norway, and came to America in 1869, locating in Brown county, Minn., where he homesteaded eighty acres of land in Linden township. He made many improvements, built a good house and barns and later added 80 acres more. He died in 1893. His wife was born in Norway in 1847 and is still living on the old homestead with her son, Hans. They had the following children: Enock, who died January 20, 1915; Hans, on the old home farm in Brown county; Mathias; Anna, now wife of Albert Lee, a farmer of Brown county; Julius, living with Mathias and owning 80 acres in section 13; Albert, a farmer of Polk county, Wisconsin; Emma, now Mrs. John Sanden, of Baldwin, Wis.; Stina,



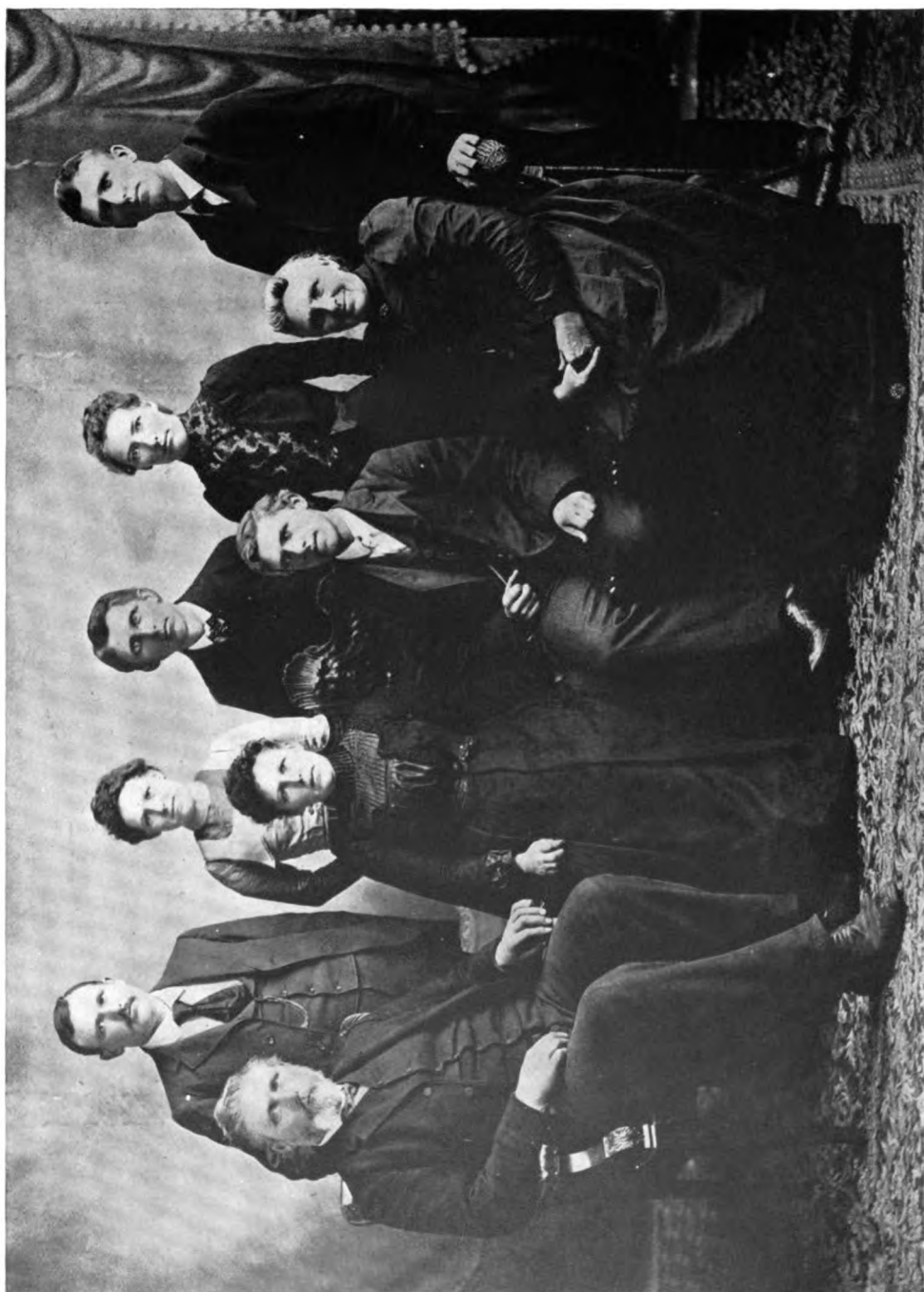
JOHN H. RUD AND FAMILY

wife of Carl J. Uremo, a farmer of Brown county; Ludwig, a farmer of Polk county Wisconsin, and Ida, wife of Carl Christianson, a farmer of Watonwan county, Minnesota. Mathias Ahlnes attended the common school of his neighborhood and learned farming. In 1898 he came to Westline township and bought 80 acres in section 13. He planted a grove and in 1905 and 1906 put up several buildings, including a house, barn and other needed farm buildings.

John H. Rud, an enterprising farmer of Westline township, was born in Norway, January 14, 1870, son of Hans Rud, born January 8, 1844, and Sigrid Sarah (Thompson) Rud, born December 10, 1844, both natives of Norway. Hans Rud came to America in 1901 and located in Redwood county. He and his wife now make their home with their son, John H., in Westline township. They were the parents of the following children: John H., born January 14, 1870; Mary, born September 20, 1872, and died May 7, 1894 at Duluth, Minn.; Marie, born June 26, 1875, now Mrs. A. H. Olsen, of Duluth, Minn.; Theodore, born February 8, 1878, a farmer of Polk county, Wisconsin; Mathias, born January 17, 1890, a tailor, of Duluth; Hannah, born February 24, 1892 and Sigurd, born February 26, 1894, now a farmer in Polk county, Wisconsin. John came to America in 1889, locating in Duluth, where he worked for two years and then in 1891 went to North Dakota where he worked as a farm hand for nine years. In 1900 he came to Westline township and bought 80 acres of land in section 15 and also rented 160 acres in section 22. In 1901, he, in partnership with his father, bought the 160 acres in section 22, which he had been renting. With the exception of twenty acres it was all wild land. He planted a grove the first year and later built a house and barn, cattle shed, swine house, chicken house and corn cribs. In 1912 he built a new two-story house. He raises full-blooded Duroc-Jersey swine, shipping about fifty head per year. He served as chairman of the township board for four years and is a stockholder of the Farmers Elevator Company at Milroy. Mr. Rud was married March 23, 1901, to Lena Hanson, born in Norway, January 9, 1878, daughter of Hans and Lena (Bottum) Hanson, both natives of Norway. Hans Hanson was born in 1840 and died in 1899 and his wife was born in 1848 and came to America in 1899 after the death of her husband and is now living in North Dakota. They had the following children: John, a farmer of North Dakota; Anna, of North Dakota; Ole; Lena; Mathias; Hannah, wife of J. I. Mosenden, a farmer of Brown county, and Gina. Mr. and Mrs. Rud have the following children: Minnie, born January 14, 1901; Sophia, born August 27, 1903; Gladys, born April 7, 1906; Hilmer, born June 13, 1908; Hazel, born November 3, 1911, and James Lester, born January 25, 1916. All the children are living at home.

William Blaser, a prosperous farmer of Westline township, was born June 2, 1869, in Sibley township, Sibley county, Minnesota, son of Fredrich G. Blaser and Amelia (Mader) Blaser, both natives of Germany, and born in 1830 and 1841, respectively. Fredrich G. came to America in 1858, locating in Sibley, Minn., where he engaged in work as a teamster and farm hand. In 1862 he enlisted in and served through the Indian outbreak. In 1864 he homesteaded 160 acres in section 10, Sibley township. He began farming, breaking the land, erected buildings, which were later replaced by log buildings, and still later by good frame buildings, his house being built in 1888 and barn and granary in 1896. He died in 1904. He was married in 1868 to Amelia Mader, who came to America with her sister, Mrs. B. Franke, in 1866, and this union resulted in the following children: William; Rudolph, a farmer of Westline township; Emil, on the old home farm in Sibley county, and Paulina, at St. Peter Minn. Mrs. Blaser died in 1890. William Blaser remained at home until twenty years of age, attending the common school of his locality, and learned agricultural pursuits from his father. He then worked as a farm hand until 1893, when he moved to Redwood county with his brother, Rudolph, and purchased 200 acres of land in section 35, Westline township. Together they broke the prairie, planted a grove and built sod shacks. In 1897 they divided their farm, William taking 120 acres in the southwest quarter and Rudolph eighty acres in the southern half of the northwestern quarter of section 35. The same year William built a frame house and small granary and in 1900 a good-sized barn and a granary. In 1913 the house was rebuilt and in 1910 it was entirely destroyed by fire, but was immediately rebuilt. Both brothers carry on general farming. William Blaser is a stockholder in the Farmers' Elevator Company.

Theodore Larson, manager of the Springfield Milling Company's Elevator at Milroy, was born in Sweden, November 6, 1864, son of Lars Larson, born there in 1837, and his wife, Augusta (Tatting) Larson, born in 1839. Lars Larson came to America in 1890, locating in Lyon county, Minnesota, where he bought ten acres of land in Custer township and engaged in farming. There were the following children in the family: Theodore; Anna, who died in 1886 at Marquette, Mich.; Matilda, now Mrs. Gust Lindberg, of Huron, S. D.; Oscar, foreman of a machine shop at Chicago Ill.; Gust L., assistant postmaster at Tracy, Minn. Theodore came to America in 1882, locating at Marquette, Mich., where he worked on the Champion Iron Mine for two years. Then he worked as a farm hand for a year. In 1886 he came to Tracy, Minn., and rented a farm in Sodus township, Lyon county. Later he bought 160 acres of school land in section 36, Sodus township. He owned four good oxen with which he broke the land



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and also helped the neighbors break their land. In 1891 he came to Westline township where he bought 340 acres in the he built a house, 24 by 24, which he later enlarged and in 1902 he sold the farm and built a store in Milroy and engaged in the northern half of section 28, known as the O'Connell farm. Here general merchandise business. After five years he traded the store for some land in northern Minnesota. After a time he sold this and bought 22 acres in section 16, adjoining the village of Milroy. July 1, 1907, he accepted the position of manager of the Springfield Milling Company elevator at Milroy. Mr. Larson served as a member of the Westline school board from 1898 to 1903 and of the village school board since 1902 and is now president of the board. He was assessor of Westline township for several years and still serving and has been justice of the peace since 1909. Mr. Larson was married March 22, 1893, to Anna Tengilin, born March 22, 1873, in Sweden and came to America in 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Larson have three children: Matilda, born in Sodus township, Lyon county; Carl, born in Westline township, Redwood county, and Marvin, born in Milroy.

Peter T. Petersen, a prosperous farmer of Sheridan township, was born in Schleiswig, Germany, June 12, 1844, son of Hans T. and Augusta (Thompson) Petersen. The father, who was a blacksmith, died in Germany in 1898 at the age of 86 years, and his wife, Augusta, dying in 1895 at the age of 79. Peter T. Petersen came to America in 1881 and located at Waterloo, Iowa, where he worked for two years on a farm. In 1883 he moved to Belleview, Iowa, and lived there for three years. Then he moved to Clinton, Iowa. In 1891 he purchased 80 acres of land in section 36, Sheridan township, Redwood county, Minnesota, and has since made many improvements on it, having erected suitable buildings, and brought the land to a high state of cultivation. His first house was a one-room building, 10 by 12 feet. In 1900 he built his present residence, which is a fine eight-room dwelling. During the same year he built a barn 24 by 30 feet. He has two acres of fruit land, two of alfalfa and ten of clover and timothy. He is also interested in honey production, deriving much profit from his four colonies of bees. Religiously, he is a member of the Danish Luthern church. Mr. Petersen was married June 5, 1867, to Louisa Skow, who was born July 31, 1844, daughter of Ericson and Annie (Pilgor) Skow. Mr. Skow died December 28, 1869, at the age of 53 years, and his wife in 1874, at the age of 59 years. Mr. and Mrs. Petersen have had the following children: Hans T., born April 28, 1868, who is engaged in the meat business at Clinton, Iowa; Augusta, born May 19, 1869, who is married to Fred Sorenson, a farmer of New Eden township, this county; Christ T., born April 14, 1871, and now a farmer in Mansfield, Wash.; Annie, born June 15, 1874, who died April 23, 1875;

Peter T., Jr., born June 25, 1876, and now a farmer in Mansfield, Wash.; Katie, born June 2, 1877, who was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, and is married to Darius Johnson, of Washington; Annie, born September 5, 1879, and now the wife of Bert Van Selus, a farmer of Vesta township, and Thomas, born October 4, 1881, who is a farmer of Mansfield, Wash.

Elias Rolland, a well-known farmer of Westline township, was born in Norway, June 24, 1873. He received his education and grew to manhood in his fatherland and came to America in 1894, locating at Bode, Humboldt county, Iowa, where he secured work as a farm hand. After nine years, in 1903, he rented 160 acres of land in Bode and after five years rented another tract of 520 acres. In 1912 he moved to Westline township, Redwood county, Minnesota, where he bought 160 acres of improved land in section 21. He has a fine, well-developed farm with good buildings and stock. He feeds and ships one carload of cattle and one of swine every year. His farm buildings are as follows: a large house, built in 1912; a barn, 48 by 48, built in 1912; a swine house, 36 by 28; a granary, 42 by 32; a hen house, 14 by 32, and a garage, 16 by 18, and a silo, 14 by 32. Mr. Rolland was married July 13, 1903, to Signa Torguson, born in 1888 in Delano township, Humboldt county, Iowa, daughter of Christian and Mary (Ingar) Torguson. Christian Torguson was born in 1859 and came to America as a young boy; after growing to manhood he engaged in farming in Emmett county, Iowa, where he still remains. There were the following children in the family: Signa; Herman, a farmer of Iowa; Amanda, wife of C. Rees, a farmer of Norman county; Alvena, wife of C. Fisher, of Emmett, Iowa; and Florence, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Rolland have four children: Carl, born October 23, 1904; Maynard, born Feb. 2, 1908; Hazel, born March 4, 1910, and Elmer, born February 1, 1915.

Henry Schwandt, a well-known merchant of Milroy, was born February 1, 1874, in Nicollet township, Nicollet county, Minnesota, son of Julius and Albertina (Otto) Schwandt. Julius Schwandt was born May 18, 1830, in Germany, and came to America in 1858, coming to Nicollet county, Minnesota, where he bought 160 acres of land in Nicollet township. In 1862 friendly Indians warned them that there would be war between the Indians and the whites and advised them to move. The family therefore took their stock and household goods and drove to St. Peter, where they remained until after the uprising. Their home was not molested. In 1890 he sold this farm and moved to Cottonwood county, purchasing 320 acres and also 160 acres in Stately township, Brown county, adjoining. Part of this land was improved. The children of Julius and Albertina Schwandt were as follows: Ella, who died in 1897; Otto, engaged in general merchandise

business at Bemidji, Minn.; Julius, a farmer near Comfrey, Minn.; Henry, the subject of this sketch; Martha, wife of John Seipel, a barber of Minneapolis; Mary, now Mrs. A. Altermatt, of Springfield, Minn.; George, on the home farm in Cottonwood county, and William, manager of the general store at Ayr, N. D. Henry Schwandt received his early education in the common school of his neighborhood and attended the Mankato State Normal school for one year. Then he attended the St. Peter Business College one year. In 1895 he entered the store of A. Altermatt at Springfield, Minn., as clerk, and in 1902 in partnership with A. Altermatt came to Milroy, where they built a store and conducted a general merchandise business under the firm name of Altermatt and Schwandt. He has been a member of the village council for five years and served as mayor for three years.

Benjamin R. Schmid, assistant cashier of the State Bank of Milroy, was born in Springfield, Minn., April 17, 1890, son of John B. and Mary Anna (Adams) Schmid. John B. Schmid was born February 27, 1852, in Germany, and came to America in 1868, locating in Brown county, where he secured a homestead. In 1878 he engaged in the hotel business at Sleepy Eye and in 1882 established a general merchandise store at the same place. In 1885 he was elected sheriff of Brown county, serving three terms. In 1893 he entered into partnership with A. C. Ochs, of New Ulm, purchasing the Springfield Roller Mills and engaged in the elevator and grain business with the North Star Grain Company of Canada. He was president of the State Bank of Springfield and interested in banks at Clements and Comfrey, Minn. He was mayor of Springfield and a member of the school board for twelve years. In 1894 he was nominated for state senator. Fraternally he was associated with the Masonic lodge. He was married in 1872 at New Ulm to Mary Anna Adams, born September 25, 1853, in Green Bay, Wis. She came to New Ulm in early childhood with her parents. At the time of the Sioux massacre the family fled to Mankato with the other settlers. There were the following children in the family: John, born October 30, 1873; Emma M., born November 27, 1875; Louisa, born August 4, 1877; Bertha, born December 14, 1879; Arthur, born November 5, 1881 and died September, 1882; Edward M., born July 7, 1883; Adolph R., born June 7, 1885; Victoria M., born October 8, 1887; Benjamin R., April 17, 1890; Constant E., born April 3, 1892; Elmer R., born July 30, 1894, and Armin C., born October 21, 1897. Benjamin R. attended the common school and the Springfield high school. During the winters of 1908 and 1909 he attended the Mankato Commercial College and during the summers was bookkeeper in the office of the S. O. Company at Mankato. In 1910 he became assistant cashier of the State Bank of Milroy, where he is now. He has served as village treasurer

for two years and as constable for a short term. Fraternally he is associated with the Masons. He is a musician of some note and has played the clarinet and saxophone since twelve years of age, in various organizations. He was the leader and director of the Milroy Cornet band and orchestra. Mr. Schmid was married November 6, 1912, to Linda Yackel, born January 4, 1892, in Winona, Minn., daughter of Louis and Adina (Roth) Yackel. There were the following children in the family: Ella, wife of N. F. Dripps, a grocer of Redwood Falls; Edna, Mrs. James Hamilton, Waconia, Minn.; Arthur, a druggist of Comfrey, Minn.; Linda; Margaret, deceased; Johanna, a teacher at Milroy; Wilbert, a druggist at Redwood Falls; Arns, Louis, Erwin and Myrland, students at Redwood Falls, Minn. Mr. and Mrs. Schmid have two children, Majorie, born April 29, 1913, and Ellen, born June 11, 1916.

John Zeug was born March 16, 1869, in Stark township, Brown county, Minnesota, son of John B. and Anna (Leibl) Zeug. John B. Zeug was born April 4, 1834, in Austria, and came to America June 16, 1867, locating at New Ulm, where he bought an Indian claim of 120 acres at \$1.25 per acre in Stark township. It was all raw prairie land, and here he built a log house and barn and began breaking the soil. In 1871 he sold this property and moved to New Ulm, where he was engaged in business until 1879. He then moved to Redwood county and homesteaded a tract of land and secured a tree claim, obtaining 340 acres in section 6, Johnsonville township. Breaking the land, he planted 15 acres of trees, erected rude buildings and planted a one-acre orchard. In 1890 Mr. Zeug built two frame barns, one having a stone basement, and in 1889 a granary. He carried on general farming and raised good cattle and swine, having about 80 swine and 100 cattle per year. From time to time he added land until he possessed, altogether, 1,060 acres in the townships of Johnsonville, Gales and Granite Rock. He was also a musician and organized the first band in New Ulm. He was married February 13, 1860, in Austria, to Anna Leibl, who was born September 22, 1841. They had the following children: Katherine, born January 1, 1864, now Mrs. John Daub, of Vail township; John, born March 16, 1869; Mary, born June 28, 1872, wife of Carl Frederick, a farmer of Warwick, N. D.; Joseph, born July 25, 1875, on the old farm in Johnsonville township; Otto N., born March 22, 1877, on the old farm in Johnsonville township; Rose, born January 6, 1879, Sister O. S. B., nurse, died December 24, 1914, at Bismark, N. D.; Anna, born February 12, 1881, Sister O. S. B., Minneapolis, Minn.; Elizabeth, born August 17, 1882, Sister O. S. B., of Little Falls, Minn.; Louisa, born July 8, 1884, Sister O. S. B., of St. Cloud, Minn., and Paul P., born July 31, 1888, a banker at Fort Ripley, Minn. John Zeug attended the common schools of his



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neighborhood and engaged in farming. In 1892 he bought 160 acres of wild land in section 31, Granite Rock township, from his father. Erecting rude buildings, he broke the land and planted a five-acre grove and a half-acre orchard of apples, plums and small fruits. From time to time he added new buildings—in 1899 a machine shed, in 1900 a barn and granary, and in 1901 a swine house, besides a comfortable one and a half story dwelling house. He carried on general farming and raised about 100 swine every year. In 1909 he sold the farm and moved to Lucan. Mr. Zeug was married February 7, 1892, to Theresa Wurscher, born February 28, 1873, in Burns township, Brown county, Minnesota, daughter of John and Elizabeth Wurscher. Her father was born in 1841 in Austria and came to America in 1868, locating in St. Paul. After two years he moved to Brown county, where he homesteaded 160 acres of wild prairie land in Burns township. This he improved, setting out groves and erecting good buildings. In 1912 he sold this farm and now lives with his son, William, of Mahnomen county. Mr. and Mrs. Zeug have had the following children: Joseph J., born February 13, 1895; Anna, February 18, 1897; John B., May 22, 1898; Rose, November 27, 1899; Mary, October 30, 1901 (died May 8, 1911); Louise, May 20, 1903; Cecelia, November 14, 1904; Elizabeth, June 14, 1906, and August, January 13, 1908 (died March 15, 1912).

John F. Cain, who was engaged in the real estate business at Milroy, now residing at Mankato, Minn., was born January 5, 1852, in Portage, N. Y., son of James and Mary Ann (McGarrigal) Cain. James Cain was born in Ireland and came to America in 1840, locating at New York, where he engaged in work as a stonemason. In 1853 he came to Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, and bought 120 acres in Mitchell township, to which he later added 80 acres in the adjoining township of Osceola. Here he remained until 1880, when he sold out and moved to Redwood county where he homesteaded 40 acres of land in the western half of the northwestern quarter of section 33. He broke land and engaged in general farming, living there until 1890, when he retired and lived with his son, John F., until his death, October 2, 1906. He was married in 1844 to Mary Ann McGarrigal, born in 1824 in Belfast, Ireland. She was the daughter of John McGarrigal, born in 1824, and his wife, Marguerite (Phillips) McGarrigal, both natives of England. John McGarrigal died and his widow came to America in 1833 with her daughter Mary, locating at Toronto, Canada. Here she was married again in 1834 to John Brown, a baker, of that place. The children of the first marriage were: Mary, who died in 1865 at Fond du Lac, Wis.; Barbara, who died in 1906 at Coldwater, Kas.; William, of Fond du Lac, Wis.; Patrick, who died in 1910 at St. Peter, Minn.; John F., the subject of this sketch; Marguerite, now Mrs. Andrew Holmes of Mil-

waukee; James, a farmer of Staples, Minn.; Henry, an insurance agent of Tracy, Minn.; Edward, of the U. S. navy; Catherine, who died in 1871 at Fond du Lac, Wis.; and Anna, who died in 1883. John F. Cain remained at home until 18 years of age, when he worked in the Wisconsin and Michigan pinneries for three years. Then he was in the railroad freight business at Escanaba, Mich., for two years. In 1875 he bought 80 acres in Sheboygan county, Wisconsin, where he remained until 1879 when he sold out and came to Redwood county, Minnesota. He homesteaded 160 acres in section 32, Westline township, and began breaking land. He set out groves, built shacks and engaged in farming. From time to time he built suitable buildings. He carried on general farming and lived there until 1913 when he rented his farm and moved to Milroy, where he engaged in buying and selling land and in writing insurance. Mr. Cain has been prominent in public affairs and held many positions of trust. For several years he was chairman of the township board, clerk for seven years and treasurer for many years. He served as a member of the school board for seven years. From 1900 to 1908 he was county commissioner and has served as justice of the peace since 1913. Since 1913 he also has been a member of the village school board and has been township road overseer for many years. He was united in marriage February 26, 1884, to Sarah Gahagan, born February 4, 1864, in Virginia, the daughter of Luke and Bessie (Davis) Gahagan. Luke Gahagan was born in Ireland in 1822 and came to Virginia and later to Wisconsin, where he engaged in farming, until his death in 1887 at Fond du Lac, Wis. His wife, born in Connecticut in 1818, died in 1883. Their children were: Michael, John, Charles, Catherine, Ellen and Sarah. Mr. and Mrs. Cain have the following children: Bessie, born March 7, 1885; Catherine, born August 16, 1886; Nellie, born July 12, 1888; Mayme, born March 1, 1893; Laura, born October 8, 1895; Irene, born August 13, 1897; Sarah, born March 17, 1900; John F., born January 28, 1904; and Leona, born July 7, 1908.

William Castle, for many years a resident of Lyon county, this state, was born in Holme, Yorkshire, England, January 29, 1836, came to America in the fall of 1865 and located on a farm near Aurora, Ill. From there in 1884 he came to Clifton township, Lyon county, and purchased 320 acres of land in section 26, where he lived until his lamented death May 19, 1914. Mr. Castle was married November 23, 1863, to Maria Wilkinson, who was born January 20, 1840, at Barmby Moor, Yorkshire, England, and died November 24, 1907. The children in the family were: Sarah, born July 11, 1864, now the wife of E. C. Knieff of Clifton, Lyon county, this state; John W., born November 16, 1866, now of Clifton, Lyon county, Minn.; Robert W., born September 3, 1868, now of Marshall, this state; Annie E., born February 26, 1871,



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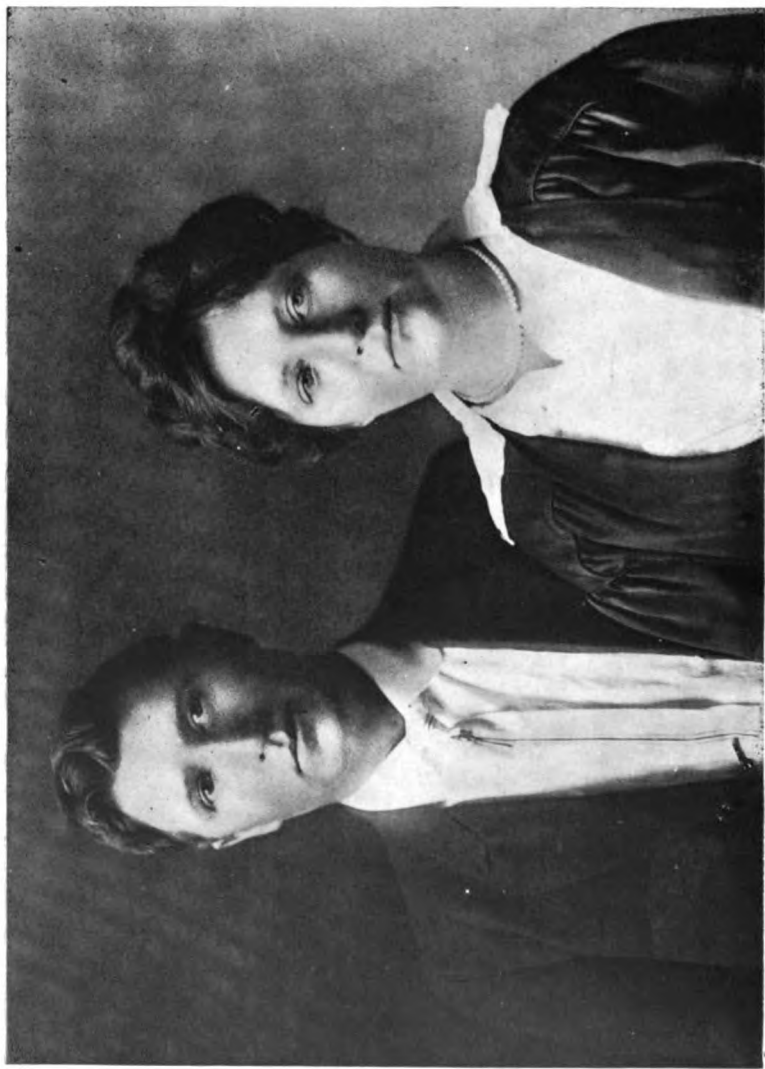
now Mrs. Frank W. Smith of Westline township, this county; Mary J., born June 29, 1873, now the wife of I. C. Rankin of Clifton, Lyon county, Minn.; Thomas I., born August 20, 1875, now of Clifton, Lyon county; and Maria L., born February 16, 1878, now the wife of W. T. Wilkinson of Washington.

Frank W. Smith, Sr., a hero of Fort Ridgley, was born July 4, 1832, in Germany and came to America in 1848, located at Brighton, Ill. From there, in the early sixties, he came to Beaver Falls, Renville county, this state. In 1862 he enlisted, served at Fort Ridgley during the siege of that historic place and was honorably discharged at the conclusion of the outbreak. Finding his property at Beaver Falls destroyed, he went to New Ulm, where he lived for several years. Then he returned again to Beaver Falls and operated his farm. This in 1892 he sold to his son, William. He died March 17, 1914. Frank W. Smith, Sr., was married to Mrs. Mary Reiser, a native of Germany, who died in 1907. Their children were: Emma, who married Fred Kuglin and died in 1909; Frederick W., a farmer of Beaver Falls township; Frank W., who died in 1909; Otto R., farmer of Onamia, this state; and Ernest J., a farmer of Fargo, N. D.

Frank W. Smith, Jr., a prosperous and well-to-do farmer of Redwood and Lyon counties, now deceased, was born in New Ulm, Brown county, this state, December 25, 1866, son of Frank W. and Mary Smith, the pioneers. As an infant, he was taken to Beaver Falls, in Renville county, this state, and was reared on the home farm. In 1899 he came to Redwood county and secured a homestead of 80 acres in section 18, Westline township, where he engaged in general farming and stock raising. By hard work, good judgment and shrewd management, he increased his land until he owned 960 acres in sections 18 and 19, Westline township, this county, and 320 acres in Clifton township, Lyon county, this state, making a total of 1,280 acres. On this place he planted groves, remodeled the old buildings, erected new buildings, constructed fences and created a model modern farm. His splendid work was brought to a sad conclusion September 1, 1909, when he was killed in an accident. In spite of his busy life and the unusual success which he achieved, Mr. Smith was much interested in public affairs. He was a township officer for several years and for many terms served on the school board of his district. In religious work, he was also an active participant and assisted in building the Methodist and Presbyterian churches of his neighborhood. A thorough believer in co-operative effort he was a stockholder in the Farmers' Elevator at Milroy. All in all, his was a useful life. He was one of the builders of the community and his loss is still sincerely mourned. Since his death his widow, a most capable woman in every respect, is ably carrying on the work of his estate, assisted by her children. Frank W.

Smith, Jr., was married February 3, 1892, to Annie E. Castle, born on her father's farm near Aurora, Ill., February 26, 1871, daughter of William and Maria (Wilkinson) Castle. This union has been blessed with six children: Earl S., born April 27, 1894; Inez R., born March 10, 1896; Ethel I., born March 1, 1898; Spencer Y., born February 14, 1901; Truman S., born April 23, 1903; and Grace E., born May 11, 1908. Mrs. Smith is a splendid mother and a good neighbor and is widely known for her business ability and her genial qualities and her generous hospitality.

Edward C. Steffl, county commissioner, was born in Austria, August 22, 1868, son of Andrew and Katherine (Silvers) Steffl. Andrew Steffl came to America in 1870, and farmed in Brown county, this state, until 1892, when he moved to Sleepy Eye, where he died in 1892 at the age of 66; his widow is still living on the home farm. Edward C. Steffl was reared on the farm in Brown county, and engaged in agricultural pursuits with his parents until nearly of age. In 1888 he purchased 160 acres in section 27, and 40 acres in section 26, Three Lakes township, this county. The tract was all wild land, and Mr. Steffl set at work with a will to bring it under cultivation. He broke the hard prairie sod, planted a grove, erected a home and other buildings, put up fences, and purchased tools, machinery and equipment, and in a few years had as good a place as was to be found in their neighborhood. By judicious purchases he has increased his holdings to 665 acres and the development of the farm has kept pace with the progress of the years. On this farm, Mr. Steffl carries on general farming, maintaining a fine herd of Red Poll cattle, and making a specialty of dairying. In connection with his dairying, Mr. Steffl became interested in the Three Lakes creamery, and has been a director of that institution for three years. For a number of years he was assessor, and since 1903 he has been director of school district 105. October 19, 1914, he became county commissioner from the Third district, representing the townships of Sundown, Three Lakes, Paxton, Sherman, Morgan and Brookville, and in this capacity he has done most efficient service. Mr. Steffl was married June 27, 1892, to Eva Mahal, born in Austria, June 29, 1870, daughter of John and Annie (Smasal) Mahal. Mr. and Mrs. Steffl have the following children: Katherine, born April 21, 1893, now wife of A. J. Tauer, connected with the State Bank of Morgan; Thomas J. P., born January 13, 1895, now a farmer of Becker county, Minnesota; Andrew, born December 20, 1897; Joseph, born February 2, 1899, now a farmer of Becker county; Carl, born March 20, 1901; Theresia V., born May 10, 1903; Leonard A., born March 14, 1906, and died March 18, 1906; Rudolph A., born March 29, 1907, and died March 31, 1907; Leo A., born July 31, 1909; Leona D., born May 21, 1911;



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT J. MOORHEAD

and Ivona F., born May 12, 1915. The family worships at the Clements Catholic church, of which Mr. Steffl has been secretary for several years.

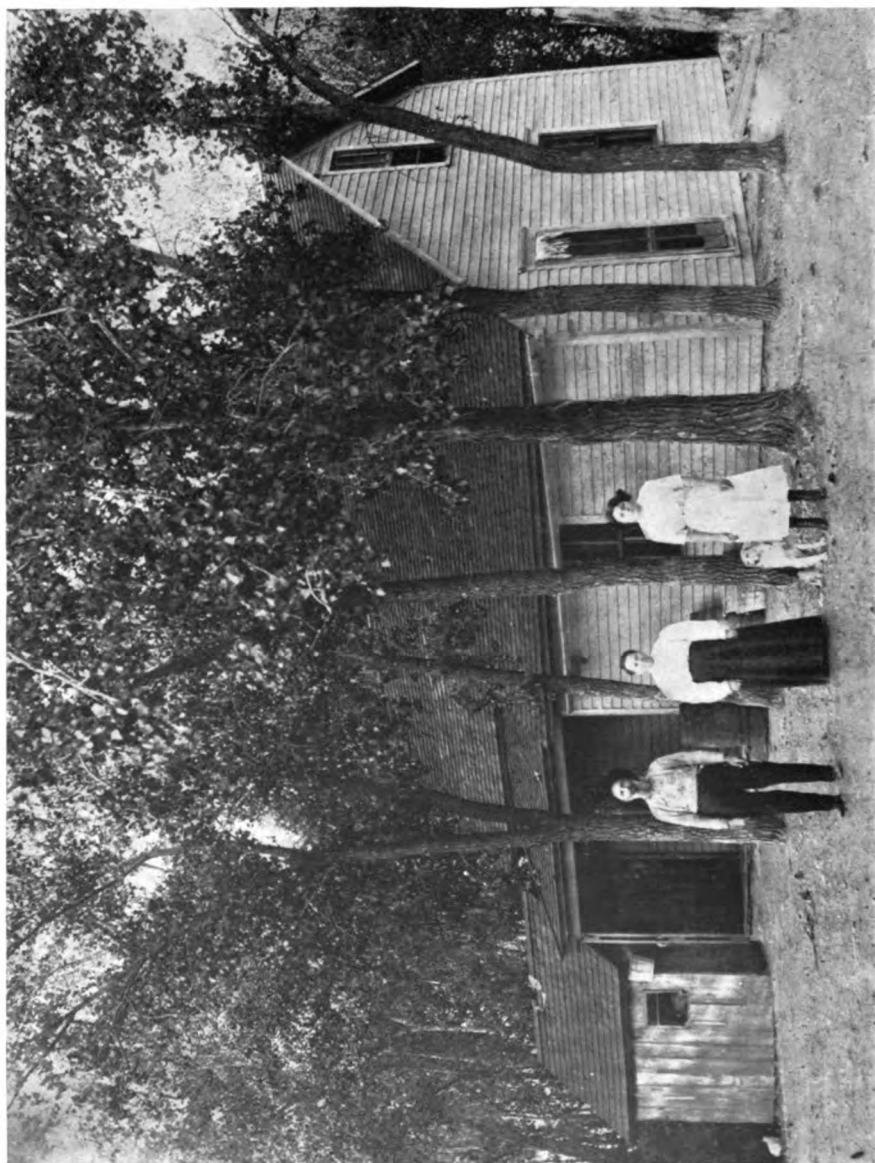
Robert J. Moorhead, an active and progressive farmer of Sheridan township, was born in Stratford, Ontario, Canada, September 4, 1875, son of Robert and Margaret (McMillan) Moorhead. Robert Moorhead, the father, who was born in Ireland, emigrated to America in 1865. He came in 1883 to Le Sueur county, Minnesota, where he was engaged in farming until 1893, when he retired from active work. He then went to Alberta, Canada, where he still resides. His wife died in Le Sueur, Minnesota, in 1891 at the age of 45 years. Robert J. Moorhead worked out until 1902, when he bought land in the northeast quarter of section 24, Sheridan township. In addition to developing his farm he also rented land until 1915, when he moved onto his farm and erected buildings. His house is a modern eight-room dwelling equipped with the latest devices in furnace heat, electric lights, pressure tank and water. The barn is 32 by 50 by 14 feet and is furnished with electric lights, as are all the farm buildings. A granary with elevator was also built and a garage, 24 by 24 by 16 feet. Mr. Moorhead raises Durham cattle, having about 32 head, and Poland China swine, feeding about one carload a year. He is a stockholder in the Farmers' Grain and Fuel Company at Seaforth and at Wabasso. Fraternally he is associated with the I. O. O. F. and M. B. A. The family are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Moorhead was married October 31, 1899, to Mildred Clark, who was born September 14, 1880, the daughter of Alfred and Rosanna Clark. Mr. Clark was born in Scott township, Cortland county, New York, and came to Minnesota, where he homesteaded land in the northwest quarter of section 24, Sheridan township. Having lived there until 1889, he moved to Redwood Falls, where he resided until his death in January, 1890, at the age of 66 years. His wife died in 1897 at the age of 50.

Wellington I. Dresser, veteran of the Civil war, and pioneer of Nicollet county, this state, was born in Vermont, May 3, 1831. He came westward as a young man and on August 13, 1862, enlisted at Waupaca, Wis., in Company G, Twenty-First Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and served eight months until discharged at Murfreesboro, Tenn., March 16, 1863, taking part in the battles of Stone River and Perryville, and in minor engagements. In 1864 he came to Minnesota, and secured 160 acres in Ridgely township, Nicollet county. He was a prominent man in that township and served for a time as town clerk. In 1912 he took up his home with his son, Walker G., in Morgan, this county. Mr. Dresser was married in 1855 to Abbie L. Blazier, who was born

in New Jersey, and died in 1907 at the age of 72 years. The children in the family were: Elizabeth, Irene, Melvin G. and Walker G.

Walker G. Dresser, a substantial merchant of Morgan, was born in Ridgely township, Nicollet county, this state, November 21, 1872, son of Wellington I. and Abbie (Blazier) Dresser, the pioneers. He was reared on the home farm, and spent a number of years in agricultural pursuits. He has been manager of elevators at Wood Lake and North Redwood, and has traveled as salesman for the International Harvester Company. April 19, 1912, he established the Morgan Cash Produce Company. This concern buys cream, eggs, hides, wool and poultry. It sells Wear-U-Well shoes, overalls and men's working clothes. Mr. Dresser has taken an active interest in public affairs and has served on the village council. Fraternally he is affiliated with the M. W. A. and the I. O. O. F. Mr. Dresser has won considerable note as a cornet player, has taught both violin and cornet music, and has been a leader in band work at Franklin and other places. He was married December 27, 1904, to Jessie McPhee, born February 28, 1881, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Simpson) McPhee, and this union has been blessed with two children: Delos, born October 20, 1905; and Maynard, born November 3, 1906. Mrs. Dresser is an officer and active worker in the Royal Neighbors at Morgan. The family faith is that of the Catholic church. Peter McPhee, the father of Mrs. Walter G. Dresser, was born in Canada, came to the United States in the sixties, and now lives at Franklin, across the river from this county. He and his good wife are the parents of seven children: William G., cashier of the bank at Evan, Brown county, this state; Jessie, now Mrs. Walter G. Dresser; Archibald, engaged in the drug business at Kellogg, Iowa; Jay, a clerk at Franklin, this state; Mary, wife of Henry Wenger, a buttermaker at Kilkenny, this state; Roy, druggist at Mitchell, S. D.; and Sadie, wife of Paul Zeng, a banker at Fort Ripley, Minn.

Lubbe H. Terhell, Sr., was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1830 and was there reared. In 1863, he came to Will county, Illinois, and there rented farms for several years. In 1868 he came to Beaver Falls, Renville county, this state, and squatted on a tract of railroad land. He broke the wild prairie, erected a house and barn, fenced the land, and endured many of the hardships of pioneer life. In 1877, he came to Underwood township, this county, homesteaded 160 acres in section 14 and in addition took a tree claim. He planted a grove, broke the prairie, erected a house and barn and built up a good place. Mr. Terhell had many interesting stories to tell of pioneer life. He hauled grain in the early days to Wilmar and New Ulm with an ox team and had many interesting experiences with the grasshoppers, mosquitos,



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with the heat and with the blizzards. In 1892 he retired and moved to Redwood Falls, where he died in 1894.

Lubbe H. Terhell was born in Will county, Illinois, December 7, 1863, the son of Lubbe H. Terhell, Sr., the pioneer. He was brought to Beaver Falls, Renville county, this state, as a small boy and in 1877 to Underwood township, this county. Reared to farm pursuits by his father, he passed through the common schools at Beaver Falls and remained at home until 21 years of age. Then, after renting a farm for two years, he homesteaded a farm in 1886 in section 24, Underwood township. He planted a grove, broke the land, erected the buildings and brought it to a high degree of cultivation. In 1911 he sold this place and moved to Westline township, where he purchased 320 acres in section 7. Here he has likewise planted trees, erected many suitable buildings, fenced the farm and equipped himself with all the tools and implements necessary for the carrying on of modern progressive farming. Thoroughly interested in public affairs, Mr. Terhell served on the school board in Underwood township ten years and as justice of the peace five years. In Westline township, he is likewise doing good service on the school board of his district. He has served several years as a member of the township board of both townships. He is at present a candidate for the position of county commissioner from his district, a position for which he is eminently fitted.

George Bauer, of Charlestown township, was born in Allegheny, Pa., February 6, 1852, son of John and Barbara Bauer, natives of Germany, who were married in Pennsylvania. John, an iron worker in Pennsylvania, died when George was two days old, leaving four children: Emma, Christina, John and George. The mother was married again to Gotlieb Jacob and they came to Minnesota in 1865, being among the first settlers of Charlestown township, Redwood county. He secured 160 acres of land and built a dug-out, which was later replaced by a log house, the logs being hauled from the river. At first they stayed with Charles Porter. The nearest neighbor was twelve miles away. New Ulm was the nearest milling place. Once when returning from New Ulm they were caught in a storm and attacked by wolves. The grasshoppers came and for several years destroyed their crops. Mr. Jacob was one of the organizers of the township. He sold his farm to Frank Holznagle and died at the age of 66 years. His wife died at the age of 66 years. The family faith was that of the German Lutheran church. George Bauer grew up in Charlestown township and later located a homestead in the township, which was "jumped" soon after he had built a log house on it. He then bought eighty acres of wild land without any improvements, in section 4, and built a shanty 14 by 16 and later he added 160 acres more and made many improvements. He

moved to Sanborn January, 1916, and died March 13, 1916. He was married to Amelia Wolf Miller, born in Germany December 3, 1858, daughter of John and Dora Wolf, both natives of Germany, who lived and died there. She had married Carl Miller in Germany and at his death came to America with one child, Emma, in 1888, locating in Sundown township. She was married to Mr. Bauer the same year. Mr. and Mrs. Bauer have the following children: William, John, Edward, Walter, Ella, Paulina, Elsie and Leon. The family faith is that of the German Evangelical church.

Alexander William Wog, a thrifty farmer of Charlestown township, was born on his father's homestead April 12, 1881. He attended school in the old school of the section and grew to manhood on his father's farm. Then he began farming on a quarter section of land, a part of his father's farm, buying the old school house and converted it into a granary. In 1911 he bought the old Fischer farm, a tract of 80 acres in section 14, Charlestown township. He raises good stock and has fine fruit orchard of apples, plums and cherries. He has built a modern house and other good buildings. He is a stockholder in the Farmers' Elevator Company at Sanborn. Mr. Wog was married March 15, 1911, to Abigail Lockie, born in Illinois, July 16, 1885, daughter of James and Abigail (Castella) Lockie, both natives of Ireland, who came to Canada as a young married couple and later moved to Illinois. In 1892 they located in Willow Lake township, Redwood county, where they engaged in farming. They had a family of seven children, of whom six are now living. Mr. and Mrs. Wog have two children, Agneta and Ruth. The family faith is that of the Lutheran church at Sundown.

Ernest M. E. Burginger, an enterprising young farmer of Charlestown township, was born March 4, 1880, on the old homestead, section 22, Charlestown township, son of John and Johanna (Gaeger) Burginger. His parents were natives of Germany. They were married in London and came to the United States, first locating in Iowa and later came to Minnesota and settled at Sleepy Eye. In 1871 they moved to Charlestown township, where a brother, John, had settled on a homestead of 160 acres in section 22, where he put up a frame house and began farming. They had a team of oxen and began breaking ground. The nearest mill was at New Ulm. There were only five houses on the road from the farm to New Ulm, making it very difficult to keep in the road during snowstorms. For several years the grasshoppers destroyed the crops and the father had to work out to earn money to provide the family food and clothing. In time he built good buildings. He raised considerable grain and kept good stock. He was one of the organizers of the township. He died in 1908 at the age of 65 and his wife died in 1912 at the age of 73. They had ten children, of whom five are now living: John, Lena, Mary, Ernest

and Frank. Ernest attended the district school of Sanborn and later engaged in farming. He is now located in section 28, Charlestown township, where he carries on diversified farming and raises good stock. He is a stockholder in the Farmers' Elevator Company and the Farmers' Bank of Sanborn. He was married to Emma Sauer, born in Wittenberg, Germany, February 22, 1883, daughter of David and Marie (Bauer) Sauer. There were six children in the family, all of whom came to America. Mr. and Mrs. Burginger have two children, Wilfred and Erwin.

August Trapp, a progressive farmer of Charlestown township, was born January 22, 1851, in Germany, son of Fritz Trapp. He emigrated from Germany when 22 years of age and came to Neenah, Wis. After three years he went to Charlestown township, Redwood county, Minnesota, where, in 1880, he homesteaded 80 acres in section 24. He built a frame house and put up a sod barn and farmed with a team of horses. Later he set out a grove and has since built a fine modern house and barn and brought his farm to a high state of cultivation. He now farms 380 acres and raises good stock. He is a stockholder in the Farmers' Elevator Company and Farmers' Bank at Sanborn. Mr. Trapp was married in 1879 to Bertha Neeb, daughter of John Neeb. Six children were born: Mollie, Gusta, Manda, Otto, Theodore and Susanna. The family faith is that of the German Lutheran church.

H. L. Ringle, one of the prominent farmers of Charlestown township, was born January 12, 1861, in Herman, Dodge county, Wisconsin, son of B. L. Ringle. The family moved to Lewistown, Winona county, Minn., in 1867, and here H. L. Ringle grew to manhood. At the age of 24 he came to Charlestown township, Redwood county, and located a homestead of 160 acres, where he now lives. It was all wild land when he bought it. By hard work and steady application to business he has prospered, having now one of the best as well as one of the most picturesque farms in the county. He carries on general farming and raises good stock. His apple orchard contains fine Baldwin, Greenings, Ben Davis, Patent Greenings, Strawberry crabs and other varieties. He has set out a beautiful grove. His first house was a small structure, 16 by 24. He has now built a fine seven-room modern house, also a barn, 36 by 60. Other recent buildings are a 24 by 60 tool shed, a hog pen and a granary, 24 by 32, where the grain is put in as in the large town elevators and distributed to the various bins by means of carriers run by engine power. He has threshed grain for 36 years. He also raises many stands of bees. He now farms 360 acres in Redwood county and also 80 acres in Brown county. He has held various offices and is now justice of the peace and a member of the school board. He is a stockholder in the Farmers' Elevator Company at Sanborn. Mr. Ringle was married first to Maria Gehring and they had one child, Hulda. He was married

a second time to Bertha Schlick. By this marriage there were eleven children: Adina, Auora, Lydia, Ernest, Amanda, Laura, Helena, Lawrence, Anita, Carl and Mildred.

Chas. G. Tesmer, a retired farmer of Sanborn, Minn., was born in West Prussia, Germany, July 12, 1850, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Schmidt) Tesmer. The father fought in the French-Prussian war and spent three days and nights in battle without food. He served six years after this and received seven medals, one of them being sent by the kaiser when he was 76 years old. He died in 1913 at the age of 85 and his wife died in 1915 at the age of 82. They had a family of twelve children. Charles G. Tesmer was the second youngest and he and his sister, Justine, now Mrs. Ford Gert, of Cottonwood county, were the only ones to come to the United States. Charles attended school in Germany, took up the tailor trade and worked at it for two years. Then desiring more active work he engaged in farm work. At the age of 19 he left for America and came to New Ulm in 1869. He hired out to a threshing crew at \$1.00 per day and worked later at \$6 per month, chopping fence posts and rails. In the spring he went to Waseca, where he worked for about two months. Then he worked on the railroad at Owatonna and Mankato. Next he went to Fillmore county and worked eight months for a farmer there to learn the methods of farming in the new country. Then he returned to New Ulm and again chopped cordwood. In the spring of 1872 he located a homestead in Germantown, Cottonwood county, getting a pre-emption claim of 160 acres, which he changed to a homestead three years later. He put up a 12 by 14 building and began farming with an ox team. He hired a neighbor boy to help on the farm and went to work on the railway at Sleepy Eye. He drove by ox team to New Ulm to get seed wheat, being three days on the trip, and paid at the rate of \$1.00 per bushel, getting it on time at 12 per cent interest. He bought 40 bushels, which he sowed and most of the crop was destroyed by the grasshoppers, his crop yielding only 18 or 20 bushels. He then went to work at \$2 per day to pay for the seed wheat. He repeated the sowing the next year, getting 20 bushels more at 80c per bushel, on time. The grasshoppers took this crop also. Then again he went out to work and earned money to pay for the seed used. The next year he sowed 18 bushels and from this he had a meagre crop but not enough to pay for his seed. The fourth year he got a crop which he sold at 40c per bushel. After this things began to improve and he added more land to his farm until he had half a section. He built a modern house and raised good stock. He held several township offices, having been clerk for fifteen years, clerk of the school district for fifteen years and justice of peace eighteen years. He was a member of the German Lutheran church and one of the organizers of the church. In 1901 he left the farm



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and built three dwellings in Sanborn, moving into one of these in 1902 and has lived there ever since. He has also held the office of mayor of Sanborn one term and was justice one and a half years. Mr. Tesmer was married in 1872 to Anna Semrow, a native of Prussia, Germany. She died April 19, 1886, at the age of 32, leaving the following children: Albert G., born October 16, 1873, deceased; Emil, born July 20, 1875, deceased; Carl G., born June 6, 1877, deceased; Adolph, born March 13, 1879; Benjamin R., born November 9, 1881; Leopold, born March 2, 1884; and Maria, born April 14, 1886.

James McGuire was born July 25, 1851, in Ontario, Canada, son of James and Catherine McGuire, both natives of Fermanagh county, North Ireland. James came to America in 1839 by sailing vessel and Catherine came in 1840. They were married in 1849, began farming and lived there until 1872 when they moved to Minnesota and joined their son James. There were four children in the family: James, Thomas, Bridget and Anna. James was the first to leave for the United States, coming in 1871. He located in 1872 on a homestead of 160 acres of wild land in section 26, Willow Lake township, and put up a small shack, 8 by 12. He traded his horse team for oxen. That same year his parents joined him with the rest of the family. He began to break up the land and sow seed but the grasshoppers took his crops and for five years there were hard times. Later things improved and he built a modern farm house. His father secured a homestead in section 36 and his brother Thomas got one in section 34. His father died in 1882, and his mother died in 1887. The family was the only one that remained during the winter of 1872. He worked together with his sister Bridget and brother Thomas and all three sold and bought several hundred acres of land. They raised good graded stock. Thomas died in 1912 at the age of 58 and James and Bridget retired from active work and moved to Sanborn, where they have lived ever since. Mr. McGuire was one of the early officers of the township. He held office of constable and road boss. The family faith is that of the Catholic church.

Louis Holznagel, a retired farmer of Sanborn, was born in Pomerania, Germany, March 31, 1850, son of Frederick and Louisa (Blindow) Holznagel. They had three boys and two girls. Louis Holznagel served for four years in the German army, taking part in the war of 1871. At the age of 22 he came to the United States and landed at New York in the fall of 1872 without a penny to his name. A friend helped him to get as far as Chicago. He arrived there shortly after the great fire and found work. The next year he went to Wisconsin and did farm work at \$1.00 per day. In the fall he went to Indiana and worked in the pineries all winter, going back to farm work in Wisconsin in the spring. In 1874 or 1875 he came to Minnesota and located

on a farm in Greenwood prairie. Here his parents and their family joined him. He rented this farm for two years and then moved to Redwood county, locating a homestead of 160 acres of wild land in section 4, Charlestown township. Here he built a frame house, 14x20 and began farming. His nearest milling place was at Redwood Falls. In time he increased his farm to 460 acres. He lived there until three years ago when he retired from active work and moved to Sanborn. He held office as township supervisor for two years and was a member of the school board. He helped organize school district No. 45. He is a member of the Evangelical church, of which he is one of the founders and a charter member. Mr. Holznagel was married November 6, 1879, to Emma Jacob, born in Pennsylvania, August 10, 1861, daughter of Gottlieb and Barbara (Hopengofner) Jacob, both natives of Germany. Her parents located in Minnesota in 1862 after the Indian outbreak had been quelled, locating near New Ulm. Later they settled in Charlestown township, section 20, where her father homesteaded 160 acres of wild land and built a log house. They endured all the hardships of the early pioneers. The nearest milling place was at New Ulm and often they ground browned barley for coffee. They had many experiences with the snow storms, and the wolves were also bad. During the grasshopper siege a great part of their crops was destroyed. Her parents both died in Sanborn. Mr. and Mrs. Holznagel have had eleven children: John, born Aug. 24, 1880; Polly, born Feb. 8, 1882; Mary, born June 6, 1884 and died in infancy; Stena, born June 14, 1886; William, born Oct. 26, 1888; Elgin, born Feb. 26, 1891; Fritz, born Sept. 25, 1893; Clara, born July 20, 1895; Hattie, born Dec. 23, 1898; August, born July 30, 1900, and Louis, born March 2, 1902.

Mrs. Matilda Schwahn was born in Chicago, November 18, 1845, daughter of Frank Trach and Catherine (Legro) Trach. Her father was born in Bohemia in 1827 and died in January, 1900. He was married in Bohemia to Catherine Legro, born November 25, 1823. They left for America with their two children: Catherine and Joseph, and located in Canada, then came to Chicago, and then to Manitowoc, Wis. He became very friendly with the Indians of Wisconsin, often going hunting with them. The other children born in America were: Matilda, William, Julius, Amelia, Celia and Frank. At the close of the Indian troubles in Minnesota the family located in Germantown, Cottonwood county, and engaged in farming. They suffered much from the grasshoppers and met other hardships incident to pioneer life. Matilda Trach was married three times. She married Peter Manderfield, born in Prussia, Germany, who secured a timber claim in Cottonwood county, Minn., and began farming with a log cabin and ox team. After four years he died at the age of twenty-eight years. He was of the Catholic faith. She married the second time

Dr. Orson Allen Case, who practiced at Sanborn and was well known in the county. After ten years he died. She then married R. H. Schwahn and located on a farm of 240 acres in Redwood county. After fifteen years he died. He was township officer several times. Mrs. Schwahn has had many varied pioneer experiences in her days in Wisconsin and later in Minnesota, and while her life has been one of many hardships she has prospered and enjoys her remaining days in the quiet of her beautiful home at Sanborn.

Edward Walter Flaig, a farmer of Charlestown township, was born on his father's homestead November 15, 1879, son of Michael and Helen (Blake) Flaig, natives of Germany and Ireland respectively, who were united in marriage in Grant county, Wisconsin. Michael Flaig located later in Charlestown township, Redwood county, where he had secured a homestead and tree claim, each containing 80 acres of land. He built a rude frame building, 14x20, into which he moved with his large family. They came from Wisconsin by horse team but one horse died and he traded the other for an ox team and a cow. He made his own wagon, being a blacksmith by trade. During the grasshopper siege he lost his crops, but after a time conditions began to improve and he prospered and secured a section of land. He was an extensive grain raiser. He held township office and was chairman of the board of supervisors. He was active in public work and was influential in securing the station of Sanborn. He helped organize the first school. He was affiliated with the Masonic lodge at Springfield. He died Dec. 18, 1909, and his wife died March 17, 1907. Edward W. Flaig grew to manhood on his father's farm and engaged in farming for himself. He now has 320 acres of land under cultivation and raises good stock. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Co-operative Elevator, the Farmers Store and the Farmers Bank of Sanborn. Mr. Flaig was married to Mary Whelan, born in Charlestown township, daughter of John R. Whelan. Mr. and Mrs. Flaig have two children: Loraine and Loretta. They are members of the Catholic church.

Albert E. Cook, one of the most prominent hog raisers and auctioneers in Redwood county, was born in Fountain county, Indiana, January 23, 1858, son of William P. and Mary (Ships) Cook. He attended the schools of his neighborhood and later received a good commercial education. He grew to manhood on the farm and engaged in farming and at the age of twenty-five began for himself. He farmed for eight years in Illinois and then in 1897 located in Dakota, where he remained for one year. He then came to Redwood county, Minnesota, where he located in Lamberton township. In 1914 he located on his present place in section 15, Charlestown township, where he now farms 120 acres of land. He raises full blooded Duroc Jersey hogs, having one of the best

herds in the county and keeps a good grade of horses. He is a member of the Farmers Elevator at Lamberton. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic lodge of Lamberton. He has been an auctioneer since he was twenty-five years of age and his services are always in demand. Mr. Cook was married March 28, 1888, to Anna F. Hunnel, a native of Knox county, Illinois, born Jan. 25, 1868. They have three children: William H., and Edward, are home. Della R. married Wm. G. McGee and has one child, Edward L., and resides at Lamberton, this county.

Rudolph Kosel, one of the old pioneers of Charlestown township, now deceased, was born in Germany and came to Lewiston, Winona county, Minnesota, when a young man. He was a shoe-maker by trade. He located a homestead in Charlestown township, Redwood county, in section 6, of 160 acres of wild land and here he put up a log house and a straw barn and began farming with a team of oxen. His son lives there now. He worked hard, and in time was able to increase his holdings, at one time owning 720 acres. The nearest milling places were at Redwood Falls, Sleepy Eye and New Ulm. He had several experiences with the blizzards and during one of these was obliged to make a dugout in the snow drift and remain there all night, having lost his way on a trip to the river for wood. For several seasons the grasshoppers destroyed his crops and he had to work out in order to earn a living for himself and family. He was a large stock raiser. He was affiliated with the I. O. O. F. of Sanborn and was one of its charter members. Mr. Kosel was married to Minnie Raddach, and fourteen children were born to them. Mr. Kosel died at the age of sixty-five years and his wife died when about sixty-four years of age. The family faith was that of the German Lutheran church.

William Kosel, son of Rudolph and Minnie Kosel, was born Dec. 17, 1877. He attended the country school and grew to manhood on his father's farm. After his marriage he began farming for himself and obtained 160 acres of land in section 23, Charlestown township. There were some old buildings on the place at the time of its purchase but he has since rebuilt and erected good buildings. He raises good stock and carries on general farming. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company at Sanborn. Mr. Kosel was married to Anna Krahn, daughter of Carl Krahn, an old settler of Germantown, Cottonwood county. Three children have been born: Wilmer, Alvin and Edna. The family faith is that of the German Lutheran church.

John J. Welsh, a prosperous farmer of Charlestown township, was born in Ontario, Canada, Dec. 23, 1863, son of Ulick and Bridget Welsh. Ulick Welsh was a native of county Mayo, Ireland and came to America when eighteen years old in company



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with his sister Bridget. He grew to manhood in Canada, where he engaged in farming and also working in the North woods and did river driving. He was married in Canada and in 1870 moved to Minnesota, where he located a homestead of 160 acres in section 2, Charlestown township, Redwood county. It was all wild land. He put up a sod house. Here his two children, John and Catherine (now Mrs. C. A. Allen, of Iowa), joined him. He had a team of oxen and a cow. The nearest mill was at Redwood Falls. He died Feb. 12, 1907, at the age of eighty-eight and his wife died in 1866 in Canada. John hired out for work at an early age. After a time he took charge of the 80 acre homestead of his father. Groves had been set out by his father and he set out more groves and erected good buildings. He now farms a half section of land and raises Hereford cattle, Norman horses and Duroc Jersey hogs. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company, the Farmers Store and the Farmers Bank of Sanborn. Mr. Welsh was married to Ellen Flaig January 22, 1890. The following children have been born to them: Sylvester J., Ethel, Catherine, Blanche, Walter, John, Helen, Margaret, Lucy (deceased) and Lenora all living home.

Henry F. Weber, an energetic farmer of Charlestown township, was born August 9, 1867, in Lewiston, Winona county, Minnesota. He received but little schooling, the teaching being done at home, and he grew up on a farm. He remained at home until he located his present place in section 27, Charlestown township where he began with 80 acres. His father helped him build a small house, and here he began farming for himself. He has made many improvements on the place as time has passed by. In 1911 he added 80 acres of land. He has built a new barn and erected other good farm buildings. He raises a good grade of Holstein cattle, Chester White hogs and carries on diversified farming. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Co. of Sanborn. Mr. Weber married Barbara Sauer, December 25, 1890. They have the following children: Lida, Alelhaid, Herbert, William, David, Ernest, Carl, Ulca and one died in infancy.

Herman Yackel, a well known farmer of Charlestown township, was born near Lewiston, Minn., Oct. 29, 1871, son of Peter and Augusta (Liehman) Yackel, natives of Germany, who were married in Wisconsin. They settled in Winona county, near Lewiston, and rented a farm. In 1882 they moved to Charlestown township and located on a tract of 160 acres 50 of which were broken. Good buildings were erected and more land added. The father died May 17, 1915, at the age of seventy-six, and his wife died thirty years ago at the age of about fifty. There were ten children in the family, Herman being the seventh. He attended school in Charlestown township and grew to manhood there, remaining with his father and took charge of the old home-

stead. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Sanborn. Mr. Yackel was married to Rosa Stock of Lewiston, Minn., whose parents were early settlers there. Mr. and Mrs. Yackel have three children: Harold, Oscar and Earl.

Charles G. Trapp, a prominent farmer and stockraiser of Charlestown township, was born in Pomerania, Germany, April 18, 1856, son of Fritz Trapp, who brought his family to the United States in 1874 and located in Wisconsin. After three years they moved to Minnesota, locating in Charlestown township, Redwood county. Charles Trapp secured a homestead of 160 acres of land in section 20, Charlestown township, where he now lives. He has erected good buildings and added 80 acres to his farm in section 21. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Co. and the Farmers State Bank of Sanborn. Mr. Trapp was married to Annestena Kennese, a native of Germany. They have had seven children: Albert, Reinhardt, Alma, Anna, Herbert, Clarence, Arthur, deceased.

John G. H. Scharmann, one of the active and enterprising farmers of Charlestown township, was born in Lewiston, Minn., Dec. 30, 1869, son of George and Elizabeth (Huehneogorth) Scharmann, natives of Germany and was married there. They emigrated to the United States with their child, Catherine, in 1865 and came to Lewiston, where they rented a farm. John and Edward were born there. In 1872 they came by horse team to Charlestown township and located on 160 acres of land in section 34. They built a small frame house and began farming. Minnie was born here. They suffered much from the snow and grasshoppers. One crop was harvested before the grasshoppers came and then for five years they had no crops. The father had to seek work elsewhere to provide food and clothing for the family. After the grasshopper siege things were better and he began to prosper. In time he added 240 acres of land to his farm and built a good house. He was a member of the German Lutheran church. He died Sept. 15, 1904, at the age of seventy and his wife died Oct. 6, 1891, at the age of fifty-two. John Scharmann attended the district school of the neighborhood and lived on his father's farm until he located on his present place in section 27, where he began with 160 acres. He now farms 320 acres. He has a good modern house. He raises good grade of stock of all kinds. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator and of both banks at Sanborn, also the telephone company. He has been chairman of the board of supervisors. He was married to Amelia Struemke Jan. 30, 1873, daughter of Gotlieb and Augusta Struemke. She came with her parents from Germany to the United States when eight years old and lived at Springfield. Mr. and Mrs. Scharmann have four children: Aurelia, George, Edna and Lester.

John Neeb, a substantial farmer of Charlestown township, was born in Dodge county, Wisconsin, Dec. 31, 1859, son of Henry and Catherine (Stuck) Neeb, natives of Germany. Henry Neeb came to Wisconsin in 1855, and Catherine Stuck came in 1856, both locating in Wisconsin, where they were married. They moved onto a farm in Dodge county, built a log cabin and farmed with one team of oxen. Three children were born in Wisconsin: Minnie, John and Bertha. In 1862 the family moved to Lewiston, Minn., and here three more children were born: Henry, Julius and Caroline. In 1872 they moved to Charlestown township, coming with a horse team and covered wagon and secured a homestead of 160 acres in section 24. Elizabeth was born here. A frame building was put up which is now part of the present house; a sod barn was also built. They had two cows. The grasshoppers took the first crop, and it was not until 1877 that they raised a good crop. The father worked out in order to earn a living for the family. During one of the severe snow storms he was lost for three days. He held township offices. The first school was taught in his house and he was one of the organizers of one of the first school districts. He was a member of the Lutheran church. He died at the age of fifty-two years, and his wife died at the age of forty-five years. John Neeb received his schooling at the school held in his father's home, and grew up on the farm, and now has charge of it. He raises good stock. He has been assessor for the past three years. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Store and Farmers Elevator Co. Mr. Neeb was married May 20, 1884, to Frederica Trapp, born May 15, 1864, in Germany and came to America with her parents when seven years old. Mr. and Mrs. Neeb have had the following children: Gusta, Lillie and Elizabeth and four boys who are dead: John, Bernard, Henry and Edward.

Alexander Wog was born in Dalsland, Sweden, son of Ole Rhenhard Wog. His father died when Alexander was a child. He came to America when a young man in 1869, stopping at St. Paul. He worked in the pineries for a time and then came to Charlestown township in company with Ole Burg, Daniel Tromberg and August Strong, all now deceased. Mr. Wog located 80 acres in section 10 and built a shanty 12x14, set out a grove and began farming. At first he used horses in partnership with Mr. Burg but later he bought a team of oxen. He also had one cow. His wife spun the yarn for the stockings, mittens and caps used by the family. Shoes were made by knitting the tops and making leather soles. The grasshoppers took several crops during the first years. Redwood Falls was the nearest milling place. By dint of hard work he began to prosper and in time added 80 acres more to his farm. He was interested in public affairs of the township and helped secure the station at Sanborn. Lam-

berton at that time was only a siding. He held office on the school board and was one of the organizers of the old school district. He was married Sept. 12, 1874, in Minneapolis, to Agnetta Danielson, born in Wermland, Sweden, April 24, 1846, and came to the United States in 1870 with her brother Daniel, locating at St. Paul. Mr. and Mrs. Wog have five children: Daniel, Carl, Gust, William and Alfred. He died June 23, 1887, at the age of thirty-nine years.

J. Alfred Wog was born Dec. 22, 1884, son of Alexander and Agnetta Danielson Wog. He remained at home and engaged in farming, taking charge of the farm. He farms 280 acres and raises good stock. He built a modern house. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Co. and the Farmers State Bank of Sanborn. Mr. Wog was married to Lillie Lockie, and they have one child, Abigail Lockie Wog.

Charles Hensch of Charlestown township was born in Brandenburg, Germany, Jan. 22, 1866, son of William and Louisa (Herzoe) Hensch, natives of Germany. They came to America with their four children: Gusta, Charles, Herman and William. They located in Washington county Minnesota, where the father worked out and later rented a farm. He died in Blue Earth county at the age of seventy years. The children born in Minnesota were: Lucy and Minnie. Charles Hensch attended school in Washington county and grew to manhood there. He learned the blacksmith trade. After a time he went to Lake Crystal, Blue Earth county, where he lived for twelve years. Then he came to Charlestown township and secured 160 acres of land. He has improved the place, added buildings and brought his land to a high state of cultivation, and raises O. I. C. hogs, Holstein cattle, and keeps a good grade of horses. He has served as justice of the peace and road boss. For several years he served on the board of supervisors and at present is the treasurer of the school board. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Co. and the Farmers Co-operative Store of Sanborn. Mr. Hensch married Margaret Mayer and they have the following children: George, Carl, Walter, Theodore, William, Louisa, Edna and Leonard. The family faith is that of the German Lutheran church.

Henry Mayer was born in Germany, Jan. 7, 1839, son of George Henry and Elizabeth Margot (Gluckner) Mayer. George was a farmer in Germany and came to New York July 4, 1850, with five children: Jacob, Elizabeth, Henry, Antoine and Peter. Another child, George, was born in Wisconsin. George Mayer went to Dodge county, Wisconsin and located some land. He built a log cabin and began farming with an ox team. Milwaukee was the nearest market. He remained there fourteen years and then sold out and moved to Winona county, locating near Lewiston. After four years he moved to Blue Earth county, where he farmed for

four years and then died at the age of seventy-five. His wife died at the age of eighty. They were members of the German Lutheran church. Henry Mayer received his schooling in Germany and was about eleven years old when he came to the United States. There was little opportunity for going to school in Wisconsin. He came to Minnesota as a young man and lived with his father about four years and then, in 1868, started farming for himself on 160 acres near Lake Crystal, Blue Earth county. He built a frame house 14x19 and a straw barn, and began to farm with an ox team, one cow, and a hen with chickens. He endured all the hardships of the pioneer days and suffered much from the snow storms and grasshoppers, losing his crops several years in succession. He lived there thirty-five years. In 1901 they moved to Charlestown township, where they are still living. Mr. Mayer married Margaret Ohlis in 1866, born in Germany May 29, 1844, daughter of George and Engel Henns, natives of Germany. There were four children in the family: Henry, Engel, Jochin and Margaret. Mr. and Mrs. Mayer have had eleven children: Henrietta, Elizabeth, now Mrs. Pope; Margaret, now Mrs. Hanach; George, Henry, Antoine F., died in infancy; Adolph and three who died in infancy.

Christopher Whelan, an early settler of Willow Lake township, of which he was a well known and respected citizen for many years, was a native of Canada, and came from that country in 1872, with his wife, Jane (Roach) Whelan, and their family of ten children to Minnesota, settling at Delano, Wright county. In 1872 he came to Redwood county and took a homestead of 160 acres in section 34, Willow Lake township. In the spring of 1873 he brought his family and took up his home here. All the children came with him, except a daughter, Clara, who never came to this county. On commencing farming operations here Mr. Whelan put up a small building and bought a team of oxen and a few cows. At first he had serious difficulties to contend with and many discouragements. In 1874 and for several succeeding years the grasshoppers came and destroyed his crops and those of his neighbors, but he persevered and in time reaped his reward. After a while he secured another claim of timber land. He became a prominent man in the community and was selected to serve on the township board and also on the school board. Being a devoted member of the Catholic church, religious services in the early days were held at his home, and in time he had the satisfaction of helping to build St. Mathias Catholic Church in Willow Lake township. Mr. Whelan died in 1898, when he had attained the advanced age of seventy-nine years, after an industrious and well spent life. His wife was not long in following him to the Better Land, passing away in November, 1900, at the age of seventy-five. She, too, had done her part, having been a faithful

helpmeet to her husband, a careful housewife and a good mother. They had in all thirteen children, three of whom, however, died young. The ten who grew up were: John R., Joseph, William, Clara, Nora, Christ W., Lewis, Mark, Michael and Hannah.

John R. Whelan was born in Carleton county, Ontario, Canada, November 7, 1846, son of Christopher and Jane (Roach) Whelan, who were natives of Canada. From that country they came to Minnesota in 1872, first settling in Wright county, but soon after in Willow Lake township, Redwood county. John R. was a young man when he came with the family to Minnesota. In 1872 he secured a homestead of wild land in section 2, Charlestown township, set out a grove and built a house and barn. He subsequently acquired more land and carried on diversified farming, keeping a good grade of Shorthorn cattle. He was a member of the Farmers Elevator Company, a director in the Farmers Bank at Sanborn, and a stockholder in the Wanda Bank. He also rendered useful service on the school board. His death, which occurred February 14, 1916, was widely regretted. Mr. Whelan was married to Ellen Dooner, who was born in Canada, daughter of John Dooner, her father being a native of Ireland, who later located in Willow Lake township, Redwood county. Mr. and Mrs. Whelan had the following children: Andrew Joseph; William Henry, of Minneapolis; John Christopher; James Norman, who died February 22, 1908; Maria Jennette, now Mrs. Edward Flaig of Charlestown township; Jane Angeline, who died July 22, 1913, and Elmer, who is residing on the home farm. The family faith is that of the Catholic church. After a useful and active life, Mrs. Whelan died July 24, 1895.

John Christopher Whelan, a rising young farmer of Charlestown, was born on his father's homestead, Nov. 30, 1881. He attended the district school and grew to manhood on the home place, after which he rented the farm. He also owns one quarter of section 3, Charlestown township. He carries on general farming, raising good stock and is, besides, a member of the Farmers Elevator Company, the Farmers Store and the Farmers State Bank. Mr. Whelan was married Feb. 23, 1909, to Martha Black, who was born at Sleepy Eye June 2, 1884, daughter of John Black, a meat dealer and carpenter who later located at Sanborn. Mr. and Mrs. Whelan's children are: Everett, Helen, James and Elaine.

Emil J. Moude, a successful farmer of Charlestown township, was born in Wabasha county, Minnesota, Oct. 16, 1868, son of John and Johanna Moude, both natives of Germany. In 1867 they emigrated to America with their three children: Anna, Matilda and Gusta, coming by sailing vessel. They were twenty-eight days on the water. They stopped a short time in New York and then went to Reeds Landing, Wabasha, where they re-



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mained one year. In 1871 they drove by ox team to Redwood county and located in the southeast quarter of section 30, Charlestown township, on Dutch Charley Creek, where they put up a stove and a clay building. The second building was of logs and later they had a frame building. The snow storms were very severe and once during a blizzard Mr. Moude lost his way. For several years the grasshoppers destroyed his crops, but in time he prospered and added more land, securing 80 acres of land by pre-emption. He died in 1897 at the age of seventy-two and his wife died Dec. 10, 1891, at the age of sixty-four years. They were members of the Evangelical church. Emil J. Woude grew to manhood on his father's farm and took charge of the old homestead. He has erected a new barn and made extensive improvements. He raises a good grade of Red Poll cattle and O. I. C. and Chester White hogs. He farms about 135 acres. He has held township offices, having been supervisor for three years and also director of the school board for five years and clerk of same for ten years. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Lamberton. Mr. Moude was married in 1889 to Agnes Schonlach, a native of Wisconsin. Ten children were born to them: Martin, Lucy, William, Fern, Lee, Nona, Elsie, Everett, Leonard and Grace.

Gotlieb Radach, now deceased, and one of the pioneers of Charlestown township, was born in Brandenburg, Germany, March, 1811. He married Caroline Schitz and with their three children, August, Caroline and Minnie, they came to America in 1855 and homesteaded in Herman township, Dodge county, Wisconsin. In the fall of 1862 he moved to Lewiston, Minn., and lived there for a time. Then he secured a homestead of 80 acres in section 24, Charlestown township, Redwood county. It was all wild land and he set to work to break up the land with a team of oxen. He set out a grove and erected good buildings. His first house was a small building, 14 by 16 feet. Like many other settlers he suffered from the severe winter storms and from the grasshoppers which destroyed his crops for five years. Half of his homestead was "jumped," so that he had only 40 acres. He was one of the organizers of Sanborn and held township office. The children born in the United States were Mary and Ferdinand. The family faith was that of the German Lutheran church.

Ferdinand Radach, a progressive farmer of Charlestown township, was born in Herman township, Dodge county, Wis., May 15, 1855, son of Gotlieb and Caroline Radach. He was brought by his parents to Lewiston and later to Charlestown township, Redwood county, Minn. Here he attended the school held at the home of Mr. Neeb and taught by a Mr. Wagner. He grew to manhood here and engaged in farming, locating 160 acres in section 24. It was all wild land and five acres had been broken. He set out a fine

grove and built a frame house, 18 by 14, which has since been replaced with a modern house. When he first started farming he had a team of oxen and two cows. Besides his farm in Redwood county he also farms 80 acres in Brown county. He is a member of the Farmers' Elevator Company. Mr. Radach was married to Mary Winter. They have had the following children: Ben, Lawrence, Esther, Anna, John, Otto, Eda, Dena and Laura.

John Weber, now deceased, was born in Germany in 1826 and died April 17, 1912, in Charlestown township, Redwood county, Minnesota. His parents came to America by sailing vessel and located in Wisconsin when he was 19 years of age. He farmed in Wisconsin until 1864 when he came to Winona county, Minnesota, and located near Utica and Lewiston. In 1871 he came to Charlestown township and located 160 acres of wild land and here he built a log and frame building and began farming. He broke up the land, set out a good grove and in time built modern buildings and added 160 acres more to his farm. He held township office and was one of the organizers of the township. He helped organize the German Lutheran church. Mr. Weber was married in Wisconsin to Mary Stock, who came to America from Germany with her mother when 15 years of age. Her father had died in Germany. They also located in Wisconsin. His wife died in 1902 at the age of 63 years. There were nine children in the family.

John H. Weber, son of John and Mary Weber, was born in Wisconsin, February 16, 1863, and brought to Redwood county when eight years old. He grew to manhood in Charlestown township and had but meagre opportunity for an education. He took up farming on 80 acres of partly improved land and has since bought 160 acres adjoining. He set out a grove and in time built a modern house and a barn, 40 by 62. He carries on diversified farming and raises good Holstein cattle. He is a stockholder in the Telephone Company, the Farmers' State Bank, the Farmers' Store of Sanborn, and also director of the Farmers' Elevator of Sanborn. He has held township office and is the present township treasurer. He was married to Tillie Holznagel, daughter of Frederic Holznagel. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Weber: Martha, Ella, Reinhardt, Arthur and Beata. The family faith is that of the German Lutheran church.

Otto J. Weber was born May 21, 1878, in the log cabin on his father's homestead on section 26, Charlestown township, Redwood county, son of John and Mary (Stock) Weber. He attended the district school of his locality and grew to manhood on the home farm. He then bought the homestead and engaged in farming for himself. He has made many improvements and additions. He carries on diversified farming and raises a good grade of stock. He is a stockholder in the Farmers' Elevator Company of Sanborn. Mr. Weber married Emelia Kosel, born in Charlestown

township, daughter of Rudolph and Wilhelmina Kosel, old pioneers of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Weber have five children: Lunetta, Roy, Ruth, Melvin, and Noreen. The family faith is that of the German Lutheran church.

Edward Leopold was born April 24, 1879, on section 28, Charlestown township, Redwood county, on the homestead of his father, Jacob Leopold. He received but little schooling and he grew to manhood on the farm. He remained at home on the farm until 1902, when he secured a tract of 160 acres of land in section 21. There were a couple of old buildings on the place and here he began farming for himself. In time he will have a good farm, and raise good stock. He is a stockholder in the Farmers' Elevator, the Farmers' Store and also the Farmers' State Bank, all of Sanborn. He was married to Henriette Pape. They have had the following children: Alvin, Myrtle and Orland. The family faith is that of the German Lutheran church.

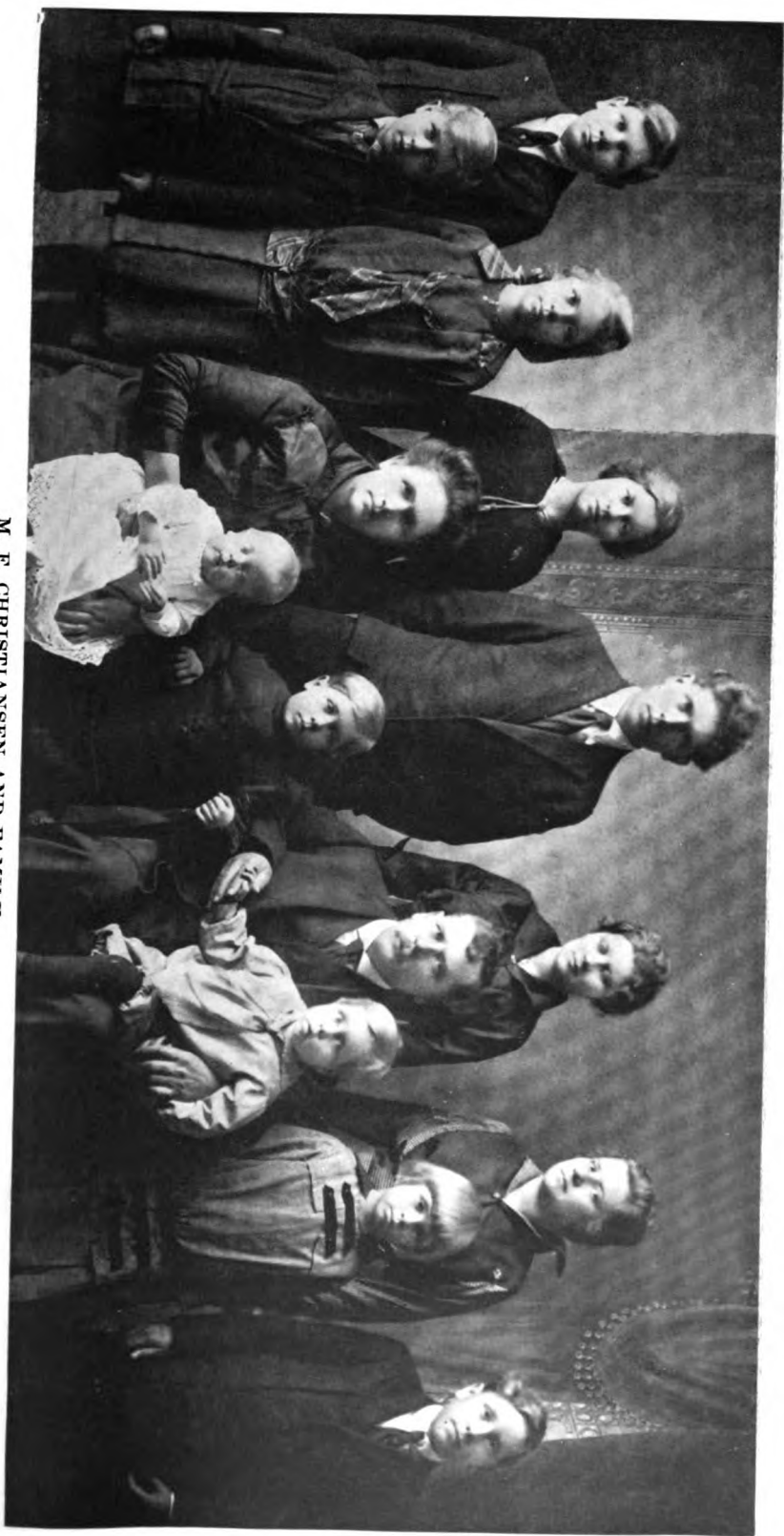
Jacob Leopold, a well-known farmer of Charlestown township, was born in Saxony, Germany, October 30, 1841, son of George and Elizabeth (Runnel) Leopold. His father was a tailor by trade. He died at the age of 86 and his wife died at the age of 87. They had six children: Louisa, Caroline, Elizabeth, John, Adam and Jacob. Jacob received his schooling in Germany and in 1860 emigrated to America, coming by sailing vessel, the voyage taking 42 days, he landing at Baltimore. Then he went to Pennsylvania, where he learned the baker's and confectioner's trade, which he followed until he settled in Minnesota. In 1863 he enlisted in Company H, Thirty-Ninth New York Volunteers, and served two years and five months. He took part in the battle of the Wilderness and at Petersburg and Gettysburg. After the war he returned to Pittsburg, Pa. In 1878 he made a trip to Charlestown township, Redwood county, Minn., and bought 160 acres of land in section 28. The nearest milling places were Windom, Redwood Falls and New Ulm. He erected buildings and added 160 acres more to his farm. He raises Duroc Jersey hogs and keeps a good grade of Shorthorn cattle and horses. He held township office, having been assessor four years. He also served on the school board 25 years. He is a stockholder in the Farmers' Elevator Company, Sanborn, and in the Farmers' State Bank. Mr. Leopold was married to Sophia Wagner, a native of Germany. Seven children were born, of whom five are living: William, Fredericka, John, Carolina and Mena. Mrs. Leopold died in 1876 at the age of 35. Mr. Leopold was married the second time in 1878 to Mary Ellen Bernhardt, born February 22, 1856, in Butler county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Abraham and Rachel (Faninger) Barnhardt. Mr. Barnhardt died January 12, 1904, at the age of 72 and his wife died at the age of 76 years. There were six children in the family, of whom five are living: James, Henry, Reuben,

Emma and Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Leopold have the following children: Edward, Harvey, George, Louis, Arthur, Alfred, Ida, Emma and Elna.

Martin Christensen, a prosperous farmer of Sundown township, was born Dec. 6, 1867, in Denmark, son of James Martin and Caroline (Frederickson) Christensen. James M. Christensen was born May 6, 1836, in Denmark, son of Chris and Inger Petersen, farmers of that country. They had the following children: Jorgen, Peter, Marie, Antoinia and James. He was married in 1867 to Caroline Frederickson, born Jan. 8, 1845. They came to the United States in 1873 with two children: Martin F. and Inger, locating at New Ulm, Minn., where the father did brick work for two years and in 1875 located a homestead of 80 acres of wild land in section 32, Sundown township. He made a dugout and a straw barn and began farming there with one cow, a team of oxen and a few chickens. He set out a grove, and in time built a house and barn and added 40 acres more. Martin Christensen was five years old when his parents brought him to the United States. He did not have much opportunity to attend school until he was fifteen or sixteen years old. He attended the Lutheran school at Westbrook a few months. At the age of twenty-three he struck out for himself and bought 120 acres in section 31, to which he made additions from time to time so that at the end of three years he owned 320 acres. He set out groves and built a house and other needed farm buildings. After a time he moved to Clements and bought and sold stock. He also conducted a meat market for one and a half years. Then he moved to a farm three miles northeast of Clements and farmed 141 acres for a year. He sold out and returned to Clements. After a year he returned to his farm in Sundown township, where he lives now. He makes a specialty of feeding stock for the market. He has been a thresher for twenty-eight years and owned his threshing outfit for twenty-six years. He began with the old horsepower machine, but has since secured more up-to-date machinery. He served as a member of the school board of Clements and Sundown township. Mr. Christensen was married to Mary Olson, daughter of Ole C. Olson of Sundown. She died at the age of twenty-eight years, leaving the following children: Jessie, Olga, Elsie and Levi. He married the second time Anna Christensen, born in Brown county, daughter of Hans Christensen of Denmark. By this marriage there have been the following children: Maggie, Myrtle, Harley, Brown, Eldred, Roland and Milton.

Ole C. Olson of Sundown township was born in Denmark, Dec. 13, 1849, son of Ole and Christina Marie Jensen. Ole Jensen was a farmer of Denmark and died at the age of sixty-three, when Ole C. was eleven years old. He left ten children: five by the first wife, Andre, and five by the second wife, Christina. The

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oldest half brother, James S. Johnson, came to Minnesota, soon followed by Ole C. The rest of the family came in 1870, first coming to Lanesboro, Minn., then living at Mankato one year and then moving to New Ulm, where they remained for three years. In 1871 Ole C. homesteaded a tract of eighty acres in section 28, Sundown township, but did not move to the place until three years later. He built a mud house, 12x16, made of clay brick, dried in the sun, and a sod barn. The first year he hired his breaking done, but the second year he used a pair of three-year-old steers. He managed to get one crop from his land before the grasshoppers came, raising about 160 bushels of wheat the first year, of which he saved 110 for flour and seed. He then went to Mankato to earn some money and paid his brother \$50 to put in a crop for him, but the grasshoppers destroyed most of it, the yield being only fifty-seven bushels, of which the brother received half. However, more attempts were made and after a time he was successful. He set out a grove and in time added 240 acres and erected good farm buildings. The nearest milling places were at Redwood Falls and New Ulm, the trip to New Ulm taking a week by ox team. He carried on general farming and raised good stock. He held township office and also served on the school board. Mr. Olson was married in Denmark in 1870 to Elsie Peterson. They have had the following children: Mary, Ole, James R., Emma, Laura, Andrew, Matilda and George. The family worship at the Lutheran church. Mrs. Olson died in 1896. The son, Ole, now conducts the home farm.

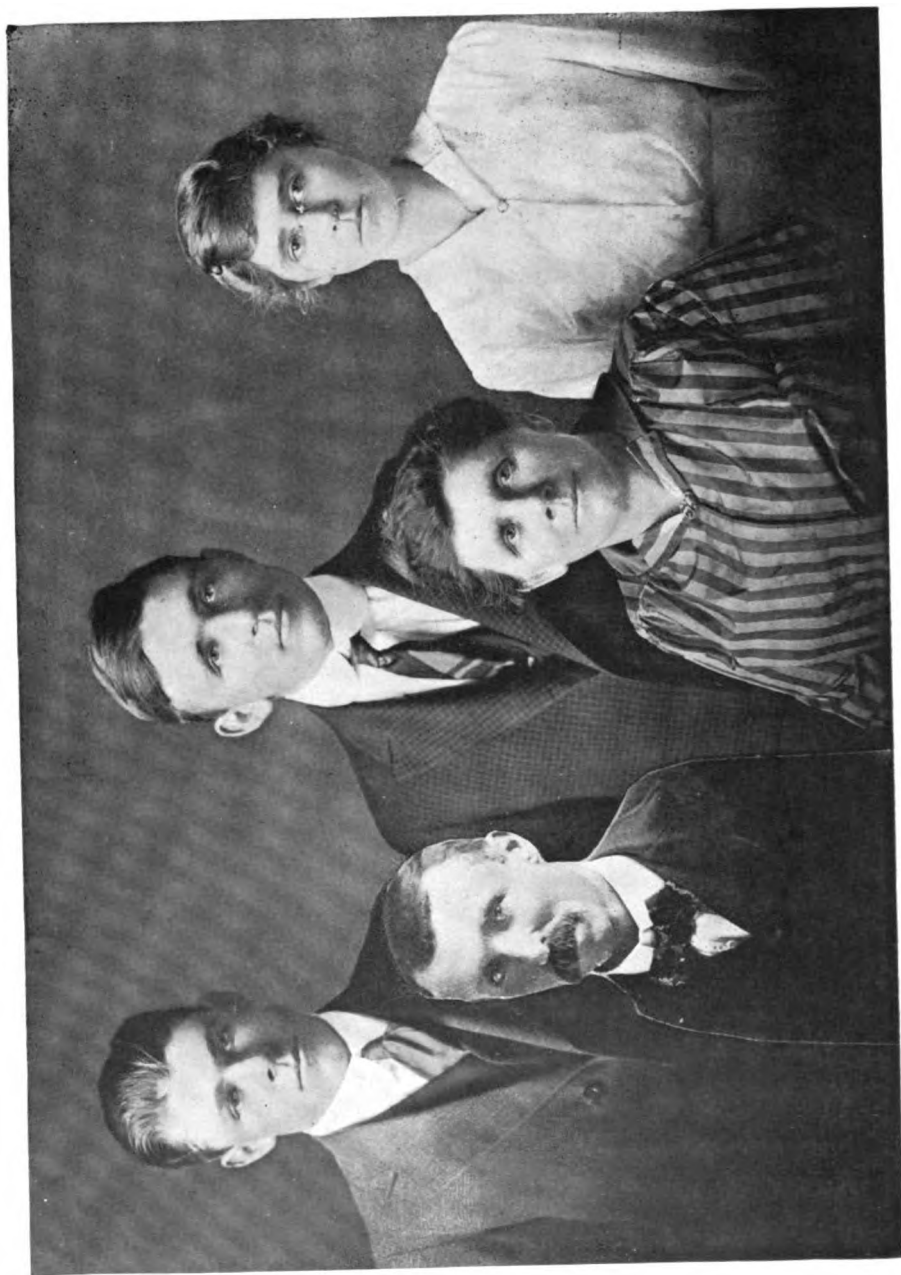
M. F. Hammett was born in New York State in 1865, son of M. L. and Janet Hammett. His mother died when he was three years old. His father was born in New York in 1825 and engaged in farming, moving to Rice county, Minnesota, in 1873, where he bought 160 acres of land. Then he moved to northern Minnesota and bought 120 acres and lived there till his death in 1908. There were eight children in the family: John, Guy, Sam, Milton, Jennie, Jessie, Nellie, Hannah and M. F. M. F. Hammett remained at home until twenty-one years old, when he came to Redwood county and bought 80 acres in section 12, Sundown township. Here he began farming. His first crop was very small. He built a house in 1887, 12x14 and a straw shed for a barn. He has prospered and from time to time has made additions to his farm, until now he has a 400 acre farm in Sundown and 360 acres in northern Minnesota and Dakota. In 1900 he built a seven-room house. In 1902 he built a barn 44x60 and other farm buildings, such as granaries, machine shop and the like. He carries on general farming and raises good stock. Mr. Hammett was married June 13, 1888, to Myrtle Martter. Two children have been born to these parents: Clarence and Maud. The family worship at the Methodist church.

Henry Kagel, a prominent pioneer of Sundown township, was born in Prussia, Germany, Nov. 7, 1847, son of Carl and Anna (Blech) Kagel, natives of Germany, who lived and died there. There were seven children in the family: Carl, William, Henry G., Henrietta, Amelia, Rosa and Caroline. Henry came to the United States in 1869 with his sister Henrietta and her husband, John Lipelsky, who later settled in section 20, Sundown township, Redwood county, Minnesota. Henry and his brother-in-law spent a summer and two winters in Fond du Lac, Wis., and then came to Redwood county and located in section 20, Sundown township. He built a sod shanty and a rude dugout for a cellar. He also built a straw barn. The first year he worked out at \$20 per month to earn money to buy a team of oxen and cow. He set out a grove and began breaking the ground. The nearest milling place was at New Ulm. Later it was at Redwood Falls. He suffered all the hardships of the early settler. Once he was lost in a snow storm when after wood and had to stay for three days at Mr. Radock's shanty. He tells of getting his first large iron kettle and crossing the country on foot with it. When he came to the North branch of the river he started to swim across pushing the kettle with one hand in a small boat which capsized and the kettle went to the bottom. He returned a couple of weeks later and fished up the kettle. As time passed he prospered and made improvements on his farm as needed. He added 240 acres of land in section 19, farmed until 1913. In March, 1916, he moved to Springfield, Minn. Mr. Kagel was married July 9, 1877, to Louisa Gouye, born May 18, 1857, in Jackson county Indiana, daughter of Phillip and Dora Gouye, of French and German descent respectively. Her father died when Louisa was nine years old. There were five children in the family: George, Louisa, Lottie, Katie and Maggie. Mr. and Mrs. Kagel have had twelve children: Gustave, Anna, Louisa, Paul, Carl, John, Rosella, Wilhelmina, Charlotta, Ida, Henry and Dorethea, the last two named being dead.

Peter Thorsten, one of the leading farmers and stock raisers of Sundown township, was born January 25, 1875, in Norway, son of Elling Skjoldal who received his surname from the old home place in Norway where he was born in 1850. Elling Skjoldal was a farmer and a stone mason. He and his wife emigrated from Norway in 1881 with their family of seven children: Theodore; Paulina; Tillie G.; Anna; Peter; Martin; and Sophia. They went to Sundown township, Redwood county, Minnesota, where Mr. Skjoldal had a brother, Lars Thorsten. The children all took the surname of Thorsten. Mr. Skjoldal bought 80 acres of land in section 30, where he began farming with a team of oxen. There was an old house and a straw barn on the place. He set out groves, built good buildings and added a quarter sec-



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tion of land. He was a shareholder in the old Sundown Creamery. The children born in Minnesota were Laura and John. Peter Thorsten remained at home until 1903, he began farming for himself in 1897 on the home place. Later he purchased 240 acres of land in section 4, Waterbury township, from the Winona and St. Peter Land Company, and about 1894 he traded it for 160 acres of the old John Lipetsky place in section 20, Sundown township. There were old buildings on the place. He built a modern house and barn and also a 120-ton silo. He raises Shorthorn cattle, Chester White hogs, Percheron and Belgian horses. He is a member of the school board. Mr. Thorsten was married to Elizza Petersen, daughter of Chris Petersen of Sundown. Mr. and Mrs. Thorsten have five children: Mable, Serene A, Chester E, Alta E, deceased, and Sylvia E.

John Edmondson, a well known farmer of Sundown township, was born in Lancashire, England, March 1, 1865 son of Thomas and Sarah (McClannan) Edmonson, natives of England and farmers there. There were ten children in the family, John being fourth oldest. One of his brothers, Thomas, came to America and engaged in mining in the Pennsylvania coal mines. Here John joined him in 1890. His brother was killed in an accident in the mine and John, after a year's work there, went westward, first locating in South Dakota and later came to Brown county, Minnesota, settling near Springfield, where he worked for three and a half years for George Potter on his farm. Then he rented land from him for eight years and in 1900 bought his present place in Sundown township, Redwood county. He secured 160 acres of improved land and has since made many improvements. He raises Shorthorn cattle, Poland China swine and a good grade of Percheron horses. He has been president of the Sundown Creamery and has been supervisor of the township for twelve years. He served as school clerk for twelve years. Mr. Edmondson was united in marriage to Elizabeth Marie Enghusen, a native of Denmark, and they have the following children: Sarah, Marion, Esther Elizabeth and Wilfred. Thomas William, and Herbert Edward are dead. The family faith is that of the Methodist church.

Alfred P. Orth, now deceased, was born January 24, 1863, in Stephenson county, Illinois, son of Phillip and Anna Orth. He spent the greater part of his life in Illinois, residing in that state until October, 1902, when he bought 393 acres of land in section 6, New Avon township, Redwood county, Minnesota. In 1910 he bought 320 acres in section 34, Sheridan township and moved to the latter place in 1912. At the time of his death, September 21, 1913, he owned both these farms. In 1912 Mr. Orth built a fine substantial barn, 36x60 feet, and in 1914, a modern twelve-room house, equipped with furnace heat and electric lights, the storage

batteries being in the basement of the house. The farm is well improved and up-to-date in every way, electric lights being used in all the farm buildings. Four acres are planted in fruit and 100 acres in clover and timothy. A specialty is made of feeding and shipping cattle and swine for the market, one carload of each being shipped each year. Shorthorn cattle and Duroc swine are raised. While in Winnebago county, Illinois, Mr. Orth held several offices, including those of school district and road commissioners. Mr. Orth was married December 8, 1892, to Jennie E. Brinker, who was born August 27, 1871. She is a daughter of Joseph Brinker, a retired farmer of Stephenson county, Illinois, and his wife, Mathilda (Kern) Brinker, who died in 1889 at the age of forty-five years. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Orth are: Leon, born August 16, 1893; Myron, October 5, 1896, and Leda, February 8, 1901. Mrs. Orth and her children live on the home place in section 34 and manage both farms.

Paul A. Callaghan, banker, business man and educator, cashier of the Citizens State Bank of Wabasso and secretary of the Wabasso Building and Loan Association, was born in Sundown township, this county, November 16, 1875, son of Patrick O. and Mary (Wandrey) Callaghan, the pioneers. He was reared on the home farm, passed through the schools of his neighborhood and the Springfield (Minnesota) high school and in 1900 was graduated from the advanced course of the Mankato (Minnesota) State Normal school. With this preparation he served for two years as principal of the graded school at Avoca, this state. In 1902 he became cashier of the State Bank of Wanda. In August, 1905, he assumed a similar position with the State Bank of Wabasso. When this institution was merged into the Citizens State Bank in November of that year Mr. Callaghan became cashier of the amalgamated institution. Aside from his business interests Mr. Callaghan has taken his part in public affairs and has done good service as village treasurer and as a member of the school board. Mr. Callaghan was married June 14, 1905 to Bertha B. Rector, born March 24, 1882, in Fennimore, Wisconsin, daughter of Fredrick E. Rector, a native of Germany, now of Fennimore, and his wife, Emma (Osborne) Rector, who died in 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Callaghan have two children: Paul O., born October 15, 1909, and Robert W. born July 9, 1914.

Patrick O. Callaghan, pioneer, now living a retired life in Redwood Falls, has been a resident of this county for more than 45 years, and during that time has taken his part in its progress and development. He was born in County Cork, Ireland, March 17, 1847, was there reared and received such little schooling as the neighborhood afforded. He was an ambitious boy and desiring to better himself, he set out for New York in 1861 when only 14 years of age. That same year the Civil war broke out and al-



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though young Patrick O. was of too tender years to serve in that great conflict he did his share by working as a cabin boy on transports, carrying the Union troops. After the war, he lived for a while in the cities of New Haven and Bridgeport, Conn. It was in 1866 that he came to Minnesota and located in Washington county, where he succeeded in securing work as a farm hand. In 1871 he found his way to Redwood county and the following spring took up a homestead of 160 acres in section 18, Sundown township. Starting with the crudest equipment and working under the most primitive circumstances, he gradually built up a fine farm, erected suitable buildings, carried on general farming and livestock raising and in time achieved prosperity. In 1909, after a long life, filled with hard work, he disposed of his farm and moved to his present home in Redwood Falls. While never active in politics, Mr. Callaghan served several years as township assessor and has always taken a deep interest in public affairs. Mr. Callaghan was married in October, 1874, to Mary Wandrey, who was born in Posen, Germany, October 1, 1853, daughter of Ernst and Josephine (Richaleau) Wandrey, pioneers of Sundown township. Mr. and Mrs. Callaghan have been blessed with nine children: Paul A., Josephine M., William R., Emil E., Mattie E., Katherine L., Patrick H., Helen E., and Morris B. Paul A. is cashier of the Citizens' State Bank of Wabasso, this county. Josephine M. is the wife of Henry Johnson of Milroy, this county. William R. lives in Waseca, this state. Emil E. lives in Luseland, Saskatchewan, Canada. Mattie E. married John P. Snyder of Marshall, this state. Katherine L. married Merritt Caughlan and lives in Mankato, this state. Harry lives in Forsyth, Montana. Helen E. is a librarian. Morris B. is at Sumatra, Mont.

Ernst Wandrey, a pioneer of Sundown township, was born in Germany and was there reared. In 1854 he came to America and located at Fond du Lac, Wis., where he worked in a factory for several years. In 1863 he came to this state and purchased land near Cottage Grove, in Washington county, Minnesota. From there, in 1871, he came to this county and homesteaded 166 acres in section 18, Sundown township, where he lived until his death in 1885. Like the other pioneers, he endured many hardships and year by year achieved prosperity. Mr. Wandrey was married in Germany to Josepha Richaleau, who was born in that country, came to America with her husband, lived with him until his death and died at Wanda, in this county, in 1903.

James M. Little, a well-known farmer of Vail township, was born in Richmond, Va., October 4, 1863, son of Theodore and Sarah (Braggs) Little. His father was a native of Massachusetts and followed his profession as druggist in Virginia and later moved to Iowa, where he engaged in farming and died in 1902 at the age of 84 and a half years. His wife was also a native of

Massachusetts and died in 1899 at the age of 73 years. James M. Little bought an 80-acre tract of land in Clay county, Iowa, in 1885 and remained there until 1901, when he sold it and bought the western half of section 4 of Vail township, Redwood county, Minn., where he still lives. He is an active and progressive farmer and has erected a fine eight-room house and a substantial barn, 34 by 64 by 16 feet. He raises registered stock and has Shorthorn cattle, Duroc Jersey swine and about 25 graded Percheron horses. He makes a specialty of feeding stock for the market and shipping about one carload of swine. The greater part of his land is under cultivation and he has one acre devoted to fruit, 100 acres of clover and timothy and 90 acres of corn. His farm is well improved and is all fenced with woven wire fencing. Mr. Little has taken active part in public affairs and has served as director for school district No. 12 for ten years. He is director of the Redwood County Rural Telephone Company, stockholder in the Security State Bank of Seaforth and of the Farmers' Grain and Fuel Company of Seaforth. He is secretary and treasurer of the Redwood County Agricultural Association. Fraternally he associates with and has held all the chairs of the I. O. O. F., the K. of P. and the A. O. U. W. Mr. Little was married March 22, 1894, to Mabel Andrews, born January 5, 1872, daughter of Cyrus C, a farmer of Pawnee county, Nebraska, who died in Arkansas in 1902 at the age of 71 years, and his wife Margaret (Burner) Andrews, who died in 1898 at the age of 51 years. Mr. and Mrs. Little have four children, Daphene and Mildred, Alice and Frances.

George Goblirsch, a highly respected merchant of Wabasso, was born January 12, 1865, in Austria, son of John and Elizabeth (Buchel) Goblirsch. John Goblirsch was born September 8, 1835, and came to America in 1868, locating in New Ulm, Minn., where he homesteaded 80 acres in section 20, Lafayette township, and later made additions until he owned 420 acres. He broke the prairie land and built a log house. A grove was set out and in 1885 a substantial frame house was built. He carried on general farming and died there February 26, 1909. His wife was born in 1837 and died April 26, 1909. They had the following children: Adam, a farmer in Lafayette township; George; John, a farmer of New Avon township, section 3, Redwood county; Michael, proprietor of a clothing store in Perham, Minn.; Frank, a clerk in a store at Lafayette, Minn.; Joseph, a farmer of New Ulm; Anton, a farmer on his father's old place; Andrew, cashier in the bank at Cobden, Minn.; and Katherine, clerk in her brother's store at Wabasso. George attended the common school of his locality and remained at home on the home farm until 24 years of age. In 1887 he bought 80 acres of land from his father in section 7, Lafayette township, which he sold in 1902 and bought 320 acres in section 9, Avon township, Redwood county. He broke the land and lived



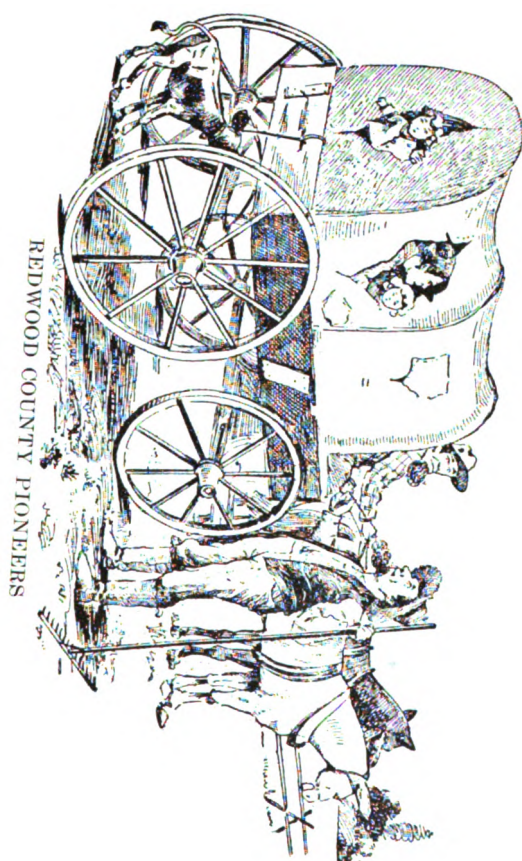
JOSEPH PISTULKA

there eleven years, erected good buildings and carried on general farming. In 1903 he rented this farm and moved to Wabasso, where he bought the stock of the general merchandise business of Francois & Schmahl. In 1903 he bought the store building, a two-story structure, 24 by 80 feet, and later added the adjoining building. He now occupies three stores. He has been a member of the Wabasso school board for 14 years, and the village council one year. From 1894 to 1902 he was supervisor of Avon township and served as a member of the Avon school board for six years. Mr. Goblirsch was married November 19, 1889, to Mary Goblirsch, born June 20, 1870, in Albin township, Brown county, this state. Her father, Joseph Goblirsch, was born in Austria in 1831 and came to America in 1866, locating in Albin township, where he homesteaded 80 acres in section 18, and later made additions until he had 480 acres. He lived there until his death, April 1, 1913. In 1891 he divided his farm between his two sons and retired from active work. He was married to Katherine Schleigel, born in 1837 in Austria. Their children are: Magdalean, now Mrs. Mat. Rathmann of Comfrey, Minn.; George, deceased; Joseph, on the old homestead; Mary, on the homestead of her father; and John, on the old homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Goblirsch had the following children: Charles, George, Michael, Andrew, Mary M., Albert and Nicholas.

Joseph Pistulka, cashier of the State Bank of Seaforth, was born in Marshalltown, Iowa, March 9, 1889, son of Vaclav and Mary (Posekang) Pistulka. Vaclav Pistulka came to America from Austria in 1875 and located in Iowa, where he remained until 1893, when he bought a farm in section 31, Sheridan township, Redwood county, Minn. Joseph Pistulka grew to manhood on this farm, attended the schools of his neighborhood and was graduated from the Mankato Commercial College in 1910. He soon found employment as assistant cashier in the Security State Bank at Seaforth, Minn., and on June 1, 1914, became cashier, which position he now holds. He has been village assessor for two years. Fraternally he affiliates with the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Order of Foresters and the Ancient Order of United Workers, having been treasurer of his lodge in the last mentioned order for six years. He is a member of the Catholic church, in which he holds the office of treasurer. Mr. Pistulka was married May 17, 1915, to Alice Connors, who was born January 17, 1895, daughter of Thomas Connors, a barber of Minneapolis, and his wife, Anna (Moran) Connors, who died August 3, 1913, at the age of 42 years.

August Fenske, one of the early pioneers of Minnesota, was born thirty miles east of Berlin, Germany, May 31, 1839, son of John and Justine (Bronck) Fenske, both natives of Germany. John Genske was born September 27, 1801, and died in Brown

county in 1875, and his wife Justine was born March, 1805, and died in Brown county in 1888. They had nine children: Wilhelmina, Johanna, Ferdinand, Julius, who was killed by the Indians during the outbreak in 1862, six miles from New Ulm; Paulina, Matilda, August, John and Charles, all of whom are dead, with the exception of August and Charles. The parents were small farmers in Germany, where they had 13 acres of land. The father was also a carpenter and wagon maker. The family emigrated to America May 1, 1853, being eight weeks on the ocean, and landed at Quebec, then only a fort. They remained at Montreal until fall, the father and oldest son working on the canal being built from the St. Lawrence river to Montreal. August carried water to the workmen. In the fall they took the stage for Chicago by way of Niagara Falls. At Chicago the father worked in a furniture shop. May 1, 1855, the family set out for Fort Ridgely, Minn. They came by steamboat to St. Paul and from there traveled by team to Fort Ridgely. The father took a claim where the old New Ulm was and a half a mile from the present site. They began breaking the land, hitching four oxen and a pair of cows to the big breaking plow. Logs were hewn and a house built. August had attended school in Germany and also at Chicago, but after coming to Minnesota had but few chances of going to school. He grew up on his father's farm. Before the Indian outbreak he had gone to Dakota to help pacify the Indians under Sitting Bull and Big Eagle and also to teach the Indians farming. He became very friendly with Big Eagle, who was the means of saving his life during the outbreak. His brother Julius was killed by the Indians and his brother John was shot by a bone arrow, which he carried four days before he had it removed. In 1864 he enlisted in the First Minnesota Heavy Artillery, Company F, serving till the close of the war. After the war he located in Eden township, Brown county, purchasing a half section in sections 16 and 17. He built a log house which is still standing, and began farming, having both horses and oxen for breaking the land. His crops were destroyed for several seasons by the grasshoppers. He lived there 35 years. In 1902 he located in Brookville township, Redwood county, on a tract of 200 acres in section 4. There was a small shed on the place. He has improved the farm, built modern buildings of all kinds and uses the most modern machinery in carrying on his farming. In the early days he made a study of some medical books and from the knowledge gained was able to help his neighbors at times when a physician could not be reached. Mr. Fenske was married July 4, 1869, to Augusta Diptdenber, born September 2, 1847, in Pomerania, Germany, daughter of Carl and Johanna (Kreuger) Diptdenber, who came to the United States in 1867 with five children: William, Herman, Edward, Augusta and Wilhelmina (deceased). They





A. DATWYLER AND FAMILY

located at New Ulm and farmed in Eden township the rest of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Fenske have the following children, all born in the log house in Eden township, Brown county: Anna, Ferdinand, Blondina, Fred, Emil, who died in infancy; Emil, Edward, Henry and Clara, deceased. The family faith is that of the Methodist church. Mr. Fenske served as secretary of the Methodist church in Eden township for over thirty years.

Joshua S. Towle, a farmer of New Avon township, was born in Maine, December 13, 1837, son of Jonathan P. and Eliza (Heath) Towle. His father was a farmer in Maine until 1862 when he moved to Greenlake, Wis., and lived there until 1871. Then he moved to New Avon township, Redwood county, Minn., where he lived until his death October 15, 1881, at the age of 70 years. His wife died in 1879 at the age of 70 years. In 1870 Joshua S. Towle came to Redwood county and homesteaded on the northeast quarter of section 8, New Avon township, where he remained until 1890. Then he located in the southeast quarter of section 8, where he still remains. He helped organize and name New Avon township and also helped organize school district No. 14, of which he was clerk for 14 years, from 1897 to 1911. There were five voters in the township at that time and Redwood county extended to the Dakota line. He has also served as township clerk for 31 years and was chairman of the township board for one year. He was justice of peace four years and served as postmaster of New Avon for twelve years, 1874 to 1886, keeping the office at his home. He was an agent for the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the township of Redwood Falls for eight years. Mr. Towle was married November 22, 1858, to Betsy A. Horn of Maine, born May 9, 1838, daughter of Nicholas Horn, a farmer of Maine, and his wife Esther (Perkins) Horn. Mr. and Mrs. Towle have had four children: Emma, now Mrs. D. A. Barnum, wife of a farmer of New Avon township, died July 22, 1913; William L., of Seattle, Wash; Minnie, who died September 6, 1874, at the age of six; and Ada M., Mrs. Culver Thurber, deceased.

Alexander Datwyler, of New Avon township, was born in Switzerland, January 2, 1869. He is a son of Daniel Datwyler, now a retired farmer of Blue Earth county, Minnesota, who came to America in 1890, and his wife Mary (Hofer) Datwyler, who died in 1909 at the age of 70. Alexander Datwyler came to America in 1885 and worked out in Blue Earth county for seven years. Then he bought 80 acres of land in Blue Earth county, where he lived until 1899, when he bought 280 acres in section 22, New Avon township, Redwood county. On this farm he has made many improvements. In 1907 he rebuilt the house and now has a nice comfortable nine-room dwelling equipped with gas lights. Two acres of his land are set out in fruit, three in alfalfa and

twenty in clover. He raises Shorthorn cattle for dairying purposes. He was vice-president of the Farmers' Elevator Company at Rowena and stockholder of the Farmers' Store at Wabasso. As a citizen who is interested in the welfare of the community, he has served on the township board since 1907 and was director of school district No. 8 for six years. Mr. Datwyler was married January 16, 1892, to Lena Kormann, who was born January 17, 1874, daughter of John Kormann, a farmer of Brown county, who died in 1891, and his wife, Madeline Kormann. Mr. and Mrs. Datwyler have had five children: Ella, wife of Amandus Georgius, a farmer of New Avon township, and the mother of two children, Clifford Theodore and Janette Dorothy; George, who married Minnie Beyer, he and his wife residing with his parents; Inez; Mildred, who died October 15, 1913, at the age of three years, and one who died in infancy.

John Johanneck was born May 16, 1846, in Germany and came to America in 1868, locating in Nicollet county, Minnesota, where he bought 160 acres of land in West Newton township and remained there for 22 years. In 1891 he sold this farm and moved to Vail township, where he bought 560 acres of land in section 3. Only 100 acres of this was improved at the time when he took possession. He built a house and barn, planted a grove and engaged in general farming. He raised Holstein cattle and specialized in shipping swine to the market. He died October 26, 1895. He was married in 1868 to Magdalena Radell, born in Germany, February 28, 1848, and this union resulted in the following children: Mary, now Mrs. Geo. Zitzmann of Vail township; Joseph, a farmer of Vail township; John, a farmer of Red Lake Falls; George, a drayman in Nicollet county; Barbara, now Mrs. Fred Bauer of Wabasso; Lena, Mrs. P. Schoeb of St. Peter; Frank, a farmer on the old home farm; Charles, carpenter at Redwood Falls; Wencel, farming in Vail township; Rosie, wife of Tony Schueller, a blacksmith in Nicollet; William, Alexander, Anton, all on the old place; and Francis.

George V. Mantel, a prosperous farmer of Vail township, was born September 11, 1866, in Fort Ridgely township, Nicollet county, Minn., son of Valentine and Emaline (Chapman) Mantel. Valentine Mantel was born February 14, 1827, in Germany and came to America in 1847, locating at Dubuque, Iowa, where he worked as a teamster and later moved to Rochester, Minn. In 1854 he homesteaded 160 acres of land on the east line of the present city limit of Rochester, which he owned until his death. In 1861 he enlisted at Fort Ridgely and served during the Indian uprising, being honorably discharged after the outbreak. In 1864 he homesteaded 160 acres in section 3, Fort Ridgely township, Nicollet county, and moved there with his family from Rochester, traveling with wagon and a team consisting of a horse and an ox.

He built a log house, 16 by 16, in which George V. was born, and also built a log barn, 16 by 30, with a hay roof. The roof of the house was made of split log shingles. A shed was put up for the cattle, made of posts and poles with a straw roof. In 1884 he built a two-story frame house, hauling the lumber from St. Peter and New Ulm. He worked the farm with his ox team. He died January 11, 1885. He was married in 1856 to Emaline Chapman, born in 1840 in New York, who died in 1905. Her parents lived in Chatfield, where her mother died at the age of 96 years. This union resulted in seven children: Lorenz V., a farmer of Cairo township, Renville county; Elizabeth V., widow of C. Klugman; George V.; Elsie, wife of J. Moravec, a farmer of Canada; Arthur T., born October 1, 1870 and died March 6, 1891; May, wife of C. Rose, a plumber of Minneapolis; Emma, born October 4, 1878, and died in 1889. George V. remained at home until his marriage, when he rented a farm in Cairo township, Renville county, and lived there for six years. Then he went to Fort Ridgely township, Nicollet county, and farmed there two years, next coming to Redwood county, where he bought 160 acres in section 35, Vail township. He broke the prairie land, built shacks and then brought his family. In 1898 he built a new house and planted a large grove. As time passed he added necessary buildings and remodeled the old ones. In 1902 he added forty acres of land in section 26. He was a member of the township board ten years and is a director of the Farmers' Grain and Fuel Company of Wabasso. He is associated with the C. O. F. Mr. Mantel was married April 25, 1890, to Anna Schumack, born January 12, 1870, in Austria. She came to America in 1885, locating in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Mantel have the following children: Mary A., born June 9, 1892, and died March 22, 1912; Elizabeth V., born June 6, 1894, wife of Frank Domer of Vail township; Rosie M., born April 1, 1896, now Mrs. Arthur Noble of Chicago; Anna M., born January 19, 1897; Sofia E., born April 16, 1899; Francis G., born April 18, 1901; Gertrude B., born March 11, 1903; Magdalena, born August 9, 1905; George O., born June 14, 1907; and Stella G., born March 18, 1912.

Christ P. Thorkelsen was born in Schleswig Holstein, July 24, 1857, son of Peter Jessen and Mary Hansen, the father being a native of Denmark. Both parents died in Schleswig. There were three children in the family. Christ P. emigrated from Schleswig Holstein to Denmark, where he secured a position as telegraph operator for the state railroad. After a time he served as corporal in the army and then returned to railroad work, holding the position of brakeman and later of conductor for 14 years. In 1888 he came to the United States, landing at New York and continuing on to Evans, Minn., where he hired out by the year at \$1.00 per day. In 1889 he rented a farm of 120 acres in Redwood county.

He had no money of his own but obtained a loan of \$50 on two good watches and also a loan of \$30 from two neighbors. With this he bought a team of oxen and enough lumber to build a small shack. The first year he had no crop. In the meanwhile he bought six cows, which furnished the support of the family. After two years Mr. Thorkelsen bought the present home in section 8, Brookville township. Here he secured 80 acres of state land with a small house and barn, paying \$500 to the man living there and the balance to the state. In 1891 he increased the size of his farm by purchasing 40 acres more in section 8. In 1900 he built a barn, 28 by 50 feet, a granary 14 by 22, a corn crib and other buildings necessary to a farm. A seven-room modern house was erected in 1899, and other improvements have also been made on the property. Mr. Thorkelsen carries on general farming and raises thoroughbred Jersey cows and Red Poll cattle. He is a stockholder in the Brookville Creamery and has been its treasurer for the past eight years. He has been a member of the school board of district No. 34 for ten years. Mr. Thorkelsen was married May 6, 1881, to Harriet Kragerup, who was the daughter of Henry Kragerup. Two children were born: Thala, March 23, 1882, and Mamie, January 29, 1885. Thala married William H. Schultz and they reside in Brookville township. Their children are: Lester, Vernon, Glennis and Ivan. The family faith is that of the Danish Lutheran church.

Christ J. Lawrence, one of the leading farmers of Sundown township, was born on his present place March 9, 1877, son of Jacob and Lesa (Bredvold) Lawrence. Jacob Lawrence was born June 29, 1846, and his wife was born February 26, 1843, both natives of Norway. He came to America by sailing vessel in 1865, being several weeks on the ocean, and went to Michigan, where he worked in the pineries and in the copper mines. Then he came to Iowa and worked out on a farm. After five years he came to Minnesota in 1871, coming to Sundown township, Redwood county, where he secured a homestead of 80 acres in section 20. It was all wild land and the nearest neighbor was six miles away. He built a board shanty with sod on the outside and began farming with a team of oxen which he drove from Iowa. For five years he lost his crops on account of the grasshoppers. The nearest milling place was at New Ulm. For a time he had to work out and his wife remained at home with the children. After a time conditions improved and he added 80 acres of railroad land to the homestead and built a good modern house and barn. He was one of the organizers of the township and also of the school district. The family church is that of the Norwegian Lutheran church of Sundown, which he helped to organize. Meetings were often held in the houses in the early days before there were any church buildings. Mr. Lawrence was married June 28, 1872, to

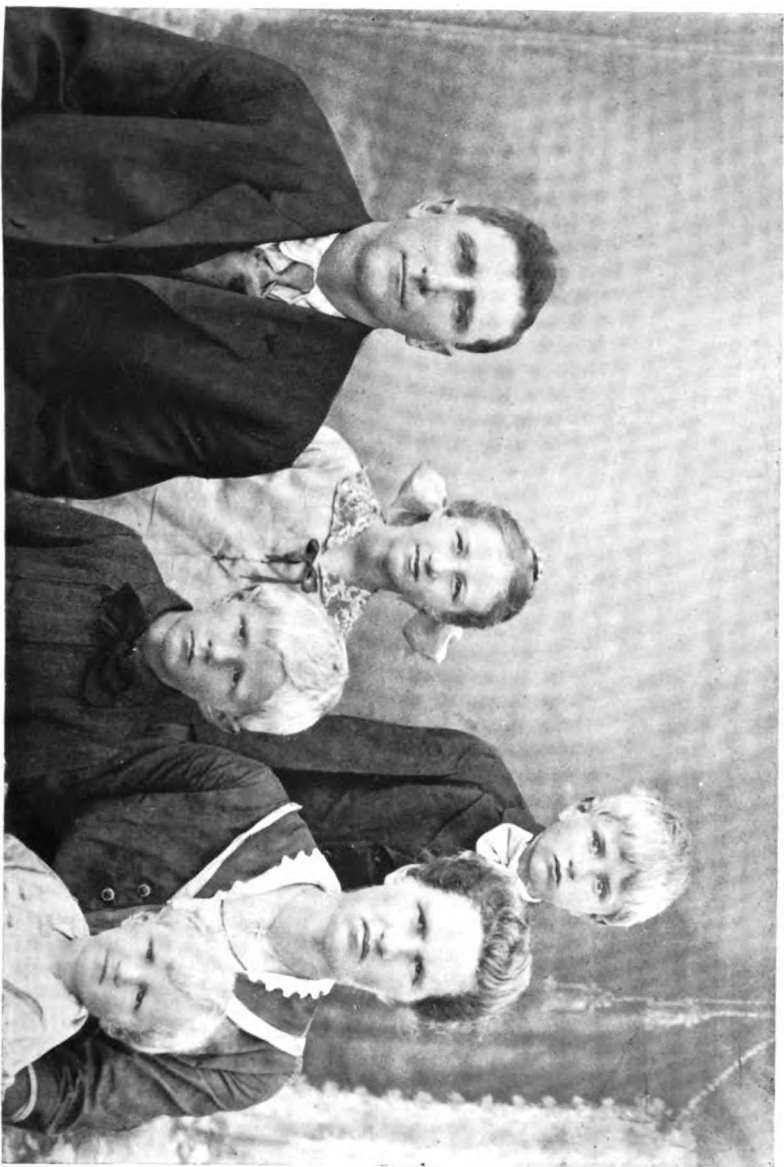
Lesa Bredvold, who came from Norway in 1869 with her father, Lars Larson, and brothers. Her mother, Anna (Jensen) Larson came later. There were five children in the family, Jacob, Ludwig, Martin, Lesa and Julius. Julius and the mother came in 1873. The family came to Lansing, Iowa, the same year as the Lawrence family did and then moved to Sundown township, where they located a homestead in section 20. Upon coming to America they changed their name to Bredvold. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence had seven children: Louis, of Wisconsin; Louisa, in Idaho; Christ; Anna Sophia, a teacher; Josephine Lorenza, of Idaho; Jacob, of Canada; Rebecca, now Mrs. Skow of Sundown township. Mr. Lawrence died March 9, 1912. Christ J. Lawrence received his education in the district school and grew to manhood on the farm. He attended the agricultural school and engaged in farming, going to Dakota, where he remained for three years. Then he located on the old homestead, which he has farmed since 1903. He raises good Holstein cattle and other good stock and built the first silo in the township with a capacity of 125 tons. He is a member of the creamery companies. His father was the organizer of the old Sundown creamery and was its president for several years. He was married June 13, 1906, to Anna Skow, born in Sundown township, daughter of Christ Skow. They have had three children, Helen, Elenora, and Lesa who is dead.

Soren Christian Johnson, one of the pioneers of Sundown township, was born May 27, 1859, in Denmark, son of Ole and Christina Jensen, farmers of that country. He was 11 years old when his parents brought him to the United States. He had received some schooling in Denmark and later attended school in New Ulm and also in Sundown township, where he grew to manhood on the farm. His first wages were \$13 per month. He farmed on his mother's homestead and in 1885 traded 55 acres of it for 80 acres of his present farm in section 32, Sundown township. Forty acres were broken and a small grove set out, but there was no building on the place. He built a frame house and began farming with horse team. He had used oxen on his mother's homestead. He owned one cow and a few chickens. In time he prospered, set out a grove and added 80 acres more land. He was married February 15, 1885, to Marie Jorgeson, born in Denmark December 21, 1858, and came with a brother Rasmus to the United States in 1883. Her mother, Marie Jorgeson, died in Denmark. Her father spent his last days in the United States with his children. The other children were: Peter, Marie, Stena, Anna and Nels. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have one child, Peter, born January 7, 1882, who farms the home place. He married Minnie Anderson, a daughter of Nels Anderson, of Sundown township. They have three children, Arnold, Mabel and Ronald. The family church is that of the Lutheran church.

John Goblirsch, a successful farmer of New Avon township, was born in Austria October 20, 1867, son of John and Elizabeth (Buechl) Goblirsch. John Goblirsch, Sr., was a native of Austria and came to America in 1868, located in Nicollet county, Minn., where he engaged in farming and died in 1908 at the age of 73. His wife died in 1908 at the age of 71. John Goblirsch lived at home until 1891 when he bought 160 acres of land in section 3, New Avon township, Redwood county. He built a granary and lived in this during the first year. In 1902 he remodeled the old house into a fine eight-room home, and in 1914 erected a barn, 28 by 48. The farm is now well improved and has been increased to 400 acres. He raises Shorthorn cattle, full-blooded White Berkshire hogs, and Percheron horses. He was chairman of the township board for twelve years, and clerk of school district No. 97 since 1908. He is a director of the Farmers' Elevator Company at Rowena and is affiliated with the C. O. F. Mr. Goblirsch was married November 24, 1891, to Annie Muehlbauer, born January 28, 1871, daughter of Louis Muehlbauer, who died in Austria in 1873, and his wife, Annie Muehlbauer, who died in 1884. Mr. and Mrs. Goblirsch have had eight children: Frank, Henry, Katie, John, Mary, Charles, Louis, and Francisca.

Joseph F. Prokosch, an enterprising farmer of New Avon township, was born in Ottertail county, Minn., April 26, 1878, son of Wenzel Prokosch, a native of Germany and a retired farmer of Pine county, Minn., and his wife, Annie (Springer) Prokosch. Joseph F. remained at home until 21 years of age. The next four years were spent in the meat business in Lamberton and Morgan. Then he worked out on the farms for two years. He next rented a farm in Morgan township for a year and in 1905 bought 240 acres of land in sections 13 and 14, New Avon township, Redwood county, where he now resides. In 1909 he built a barn, 24 by 48, with a 12-foot lean-to and in 1915 a two-story eight-room frame house, 28 by 30, with a full basement and furnace heat. He carries on diversified farming. He has been school clerk of district No. 101 for ten years and is a stockholder in the Rowena Farmers' Elevator Company. He is a member of the Catholic church of Clements and of the St. Joseph Society. Mr. Prokosch was elected clerk of New Avon township in the spring of 1916. Mr. Prokosch was united in marriage May 10, 1904, to Rose Schwab, born June 9, 1883, daughter of Michael Schwab, a retired farmer of New Avon township, who now lives with his son George and his wife, Annie (Stengle) Schwab. Mr. and Mrs. Prokosch have three children, Leo, Margaret and Bernice.

John Anton, an energetic young farmer of New Avon township, was born in Nicollet county, Minn., March 20, 1878, son of Joseph and Katrina (Wallander) Anton. Joseph Anton was born



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in 1848 in Austria and came to America in 1872, locating in Nicollet county, Minnesota. In 1891 he bought 360 acres of land in section 34, New Avon township, Redwood county, where he remained until 1907, when he retired and moved to Wabasso. John Anton remained at home until 1907, helping his father, and then, with his three brothers, William, Joseph A. and George, took charge of the farm. There were 920 acres, which were divided between the four boys. John received 240 acres in section 26, where he now lives. He is president of the New Avon Creamery, has been a member of the board of trustees of the Rowena Farmers' Elevator Company for two years, and has served as school director of district No. 8 since 1907. Fraternally he belongs to the Catholic Order of Foresters. Mr. Anton was married November 23, 1908, to Frances Schottenbauer, who was born September 14, 1886, daughter of John and Annie (Hackert) Schottenbauer. Mr. Schottenbauer came to America from Austria in 1868 and located in Nicollet county. Moving to Redwood county in 1898, he lived in section 13, New Avon township, until 1911, when he retired and took up his residence in Wabasso. Mr. and Mrs. Anton have four children: Mary Bertha, born September 4, 1909; Joseph William, born December 30, 1910; Frank Albert, born March 2, 1911; and Edward Raymond, born March 10, 1915. The family are members of the Catholic church.

Nels H. Haag, a well-known merchant of Lucan, was born April 22, 1860, in Denmark and came to America in 1884, locating in Sleepy Eye, Brown county, Minn., and later moved to Redwood county, where he worked as a farm hand in Morgan township. In 1887 he bought forty acres in Prairieville township, Brown county, but continued as a farm hand. In 1890 he sold his land and bought 120 acres in section 15, Granite Rock township. It was raw prairie. He built a rude shack and a straw stable. Hay was used for fuel. He broke the land and planted a grove and small orchard. Later he added 80 acres in section 14. In 1894 he built a barn and in 1900 a house. He also made many other improvements. In 1912 he rented the farm to his youngest son and moved to Lucan, where, in 1914, he engaged in the furniture business. In 1911 he bought an interest in the elevator at Lucan with his son-in-law, Hans L. Jensen. Mr. Haag has been active in public affairs, having served as chairman of the township board for two years, assessor for six years, clerk of the board for six years and justice of the peace of the village for two years. Mr. Haag was married November 9, 1879, in Denmark to Mary Nelson, born March 7, 1861, in Denmark, daughter of Nels Paulson, born in 1833, and came to United States in 1894 and died July 13, 1907, and his wife, Carrie (Nelson) Paulson, born in 1823 and died in 1893. Mr. and Mrs. Haag have six children: Peter, Christian, Anna, Carrie, Minnie, and William.

Hans L. Jensen, manager of the elevator and electric power plant at Lucan, was born March 1, 1881, in Denmark, son of Christ and Mariah (Hansen) Jenson. His father was born August 15, 1858, in Denmark and came to America in 1889, locating in Brown county, Minnesota, where he worked as a farm hand for two years. In 1891 he bought 80 acres of land in section 33, Granite Rock township, Redwood county, and later added 80 acres more. It was all wild prairie land. He broke the land, planted a grove and built a cheap board house and barn. As time passed he improved his farm and erected better buildings. In 1902 he built a comfortable one and a half story house. He raises good stock. He was married in Denmark in 1880 to Mariah Hansen, born March 2, 1861, and they have three children: Hans L., Anna, Mrs. Gust Dalmann, of Granite Rock township; and Jens P., who lives on his father's farm. Hans attended the common school and at the age of 18 engaged as a farm hand for Ed Norecutt, Granite Rock township, where he worked for two years. In 1901 he went into the livery and dray business in Clements, Redwood county, for a year. For seven seasons he operated a threshing machine. In 1903 he rented 160 acres in section 13, Granite Rock township, from Peter C. Anderson. He also bought 160 acres of land in section 28, which he later sold at a great profit. After three years he rented 160 acres in section 15 from Nels Haag. In 1907 he became manager and buyer for the Sleepy Eye Milling Company, having charge of their elevator at Lucan. In 1911, in partnership with his father-in-law, Nels Haag, he bought the elevator. They have since added the electric power and lighting plant and have installed modern machines for drying and handling the grain. They shipped 271,000 bushels in 1914. In 1913 he bought 320 acres of land in Stutsman county, North Dakota, all improved. The same year he bought 80 acres in the southern half of the northeastern quarter of section 29, Granite Rock township. In 1914 he bought the balance of the northeastern quarter of section 29. He sold a half interest in same to Nels Haag and together they have improved the place and built good buildings. Mr. Jensen rents the farm and lives in Lucan, where he owns property. He has served as a member of the township board for four years, of the village board two years, and of the school board. He was married March 2, 1904, to Carrie Haag, born October 28, 1886, in Brown county, Minnesota, daughter of Nels Haag and Mary (Nelson) Haag. Mr. and Mrs. Jensen have the following children: Myrtle, Grace, Milton, Orville, Milan F. and Floyd.

Henry C. Dittbenner, a rural mail carrier of Lucan, was born May 2, 1873, in Eden township, Brown county, Minnesota, son of John and Caroline (Semondate) Dittbenner. John Dittbenner was born August 15, 1844, in Germany and came to America in 1858 with his father Ludwig. They located in Chicago, his father

securing work near there as a farm hand, and in 1862 they came to New Ulm. This was just before the Indian outbreak. He bought 160 acres of land adjoining New Ulm limits and broke ground. He made many improvements and built good buildings. He died in 1890. John was 18 years old at the time of the Indian outbreak and bore his share in the defense of New Ulm and Fort Ridgely, having enlisted in and served three years and three months with the army. He was detailed to guard the settlers. He was honorably discharged. Then he rented a farm near New Ulm for two years. In 1867 he homesteaded 160 acres of land in Eden township, Brown county, and built a log house and barn, broke the prairie, planted a grove and later added 40 acres more. In 1887 he built a new house and in 1889 a new barn. He set out two acres of orchard and made many improvements. He carried on general farming and died in 1898. His wife Caroline (Semondate) Dittbenner, was born in 1847 in Germany and came to America in 1858 with her father, Carl Semondate, who later served in the army during the Indian uprising. He took a homestead in North Redwood, Redwood county, and died there in 1885. Mr. Dittbenner died in 1896. There were twelve children in the family: Alfred, Rosie, Ellorne, Henry, John, Cora, Amanda, Ida, George, Ludwig, Carrie and Arthur. Henry attended the common school until 18 years of age, when he began work as a farm hand. In 1894 he rented his father's farm and in 1896 bought the farm. In 1897 he sold it and moved to Revere, Redwood county, where he bought a house and lot and engaged in the business of selling farm implements. After a year he sold this and bought 160 acres of land in section 18, Granite Rock township. It was all wild prairie land. He broke ground and began making improvements. In time he built a good house and barn, added 80 acres of land and made many other improvements. After living there five years he bought 101 acres in section 21, adjoining the village. He has since increased this farm to 310 acres and built a new house and barn. He has also built other farm buildings, such as granary, engine house, garage and chicken house. He rents his farms. He has carried mail since the route was established. He was married June 15, 1899, to Emma L. Mielke, born March 10, 1881, New Ulm, Minn., daughter of Frederick and Willimena (Schlief) Mielke. Frederick Mielke was born in Germany in 1845 and came to America in 1880 to Wisconsin and later moved to Brown county, where he bought 160 acres of land in Home township and died in 1907. His wife was also a native of Germany and is now living in Eden township, Brown county. They had the following children: Theodore, a farmer in Granite Rock township; Ida, Mrs. Julius Zacke, on the home farm; and Emma L. Mr. and Mrs. Dittbenner have the following children: Elvera, born August 25, 1900; Verran, born April 16, 1905; Agona, born June 3, 1907; and Mildred,

born October 30, 1910. The family are members of the German Methodist Episcopal church.

Andrew Peter West was born in Sweden June 10, 1855, son of Andrew Johnson and Johanna (Bingelson) Johnson. The parents were natives of Sweden and were married in that country. Andrew Johnson, the father, was born in 1830 and came to the United States in 1858, locating in Dahlgren township, Carver county, Minnesota, where he bought 40 acres of land, on which he lived for eight years. Then he sold this and moved to Stevens county, buying 120 acres of timber land in Hancock township. Here he built a log house, which was his residence until his death in 1890. His wife, Johanna, was born in 1841 and died in 1899. They had five children: Anna, wife of Louis Johnson, a retired farmer of Carver county; John, who is farming at home; Andrew P., subject of this sketch; Christena, now Mrs. Ole G. Olson of Gales township; and August, a farmer of Isanti county, Minn. Andrew P. remained on the home farm until he was 27 years of age, when he bought 160 acres of land in section 26, Gales township. Later he added to this 480 acres in sections 36, 25 and 22, Gales township, and 280 acres in sections 29, 18 and 30 in Johnsonville township, making 920 acres in all. Starting out with a rude shack and straw barn, he made improvements as rapidly as his means permitted. One of his early labors was to set out a grove. In 1902 he built a fine two-story house and in 1906 a large barn with a stone foundation and hip roof. Other improvements are a machinery shed, granary, chicken house and cattle and hog sheds. Mr. West raises graded Shorthorn cattle. He has served on the township board for six years, and has been director on the local school board six years and treasurer five years. Mr. West was married June, 1881, to Clara Hult, who was born June 25, 1862, in Carver county, Minnesota, daughter of John Hult and his wife, whose maiden name was Betsy Lundblad. John Hult was born in Sweden in 1841 and came to America in 1858, locating in Carver county, Minnesota, where he bought 40 acres of land. In 1877 he sold this property and bought 40 acres in section 30, Johnsonville township, Redwood county, where he remained until his death in 1911. His wife was born in Sweden in 1847 and died in 1907. There were four children in the family: August, a farmer of Johnsonville township; Clara, wife of A. P. West; John J., a farmer of Johnsonville; and Anna, now Mrs. Thos. Lidenberg of Gales township. Mr. and Mrs. West's children are: Algert E., John E., Albert, William O., Fredrick J., Flora, Nettie, Emma, Ellen and Mabel. The family are members of the Swedish Lutheran church, of which Mr. West is deacon.

Nels P. Larsen, a young business man of Lucan, was born December 24, 1873, in Denmark, son of Jens and Sophia (Hansen) Larsen. His father, Jens Larsen, was born in 1854, and came to



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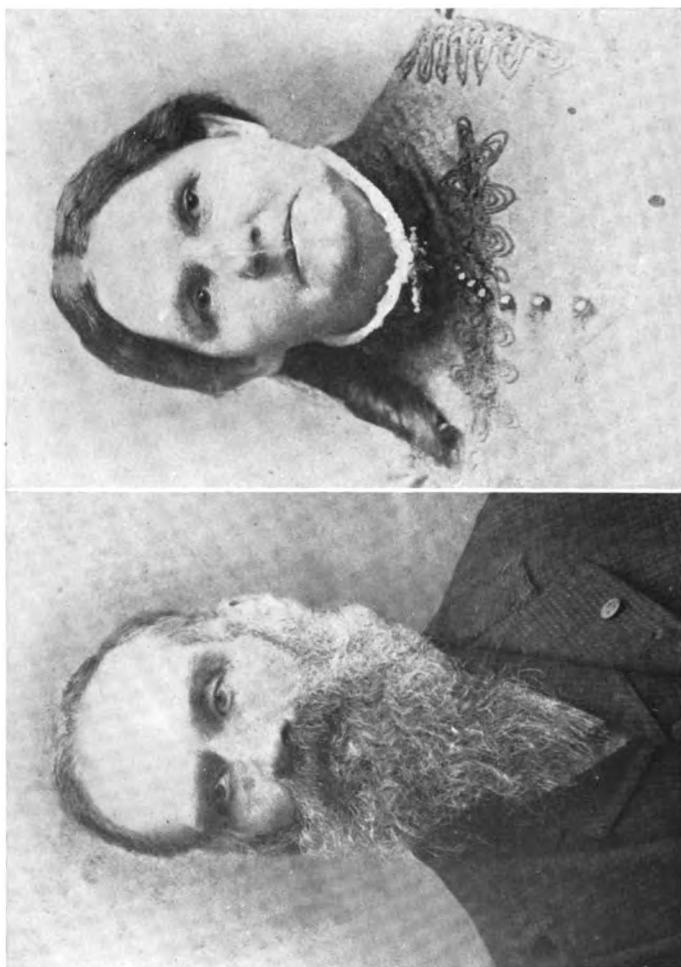
America in 1881, locating at Sleepy Eye, Minn., where he rented a farm of L. P. Jensen, in Eden township, Brown county, and lived there eight years. In 1889 he bought 240 acres in section 23, Granite Rock township, this county. He broke the land, planted a grove, built a small frame barn and lived with the horses the first summer. Then he built a house which was partly a dug-out on the hillside and partly made of lumber hauled from Sleepy Eye, and here he lived for ten years. For three seasons in succession his crops were destroyed by hail and he had many other problems to solve. Undaunted, however, he continued his farming and in time became successful. He carried on general farming and raised cattle and swine. In 1898 he sold 80 acres of his farm and in 1900 he sold the rest of it and retired to Sleepy Eye, where he died February 2, 1910. He was married in 1872 in Denmark to Sophia Hansen, born in 1851. They had the following children: Nels; Margaret, wife of J. Albert Johnson, a land agent of Redwood Falls, Minn.; Elizabeth, wife of George Johnson, a banker of Grygla, Minn.; and Lettie, of Minneapolis. Nels P. attended the common school in Denmark and also in Minnesota and learned farming. In 1896 he bought 80 acres of his father and farmed there for six years. In 1902 he rented the "80" and moved to Lucan, where he accepted a position as manager and buyer for the Sleepy Eye Milling Company's elevator at Lucan. In 1909 he became cashier of the Lucan State Bank and after a year entered the employ of the Hayes-Lucas Lumber Company, where he is at present. He has served as township assessor of Granite Rock from 1898 to 1902 and clerk of the school board of district No. 58 for the same time. He was president of the village council from 1902 to 1912, and clerk of the village school board since its organization. Fraternally he is affiliated with the A. O. U. W. Mr. Larsen was married July 14, 1898, to Jennie Kartak, born June 3, 1875, in Renville county, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Bodie) Kartak, both natives of Austria. Mr. Kartak was born in 1835 and came to America in 1860, locating in Renville county, where he worked as a farm hand until 1891 when he came to Redwood county and bought 160 acres in section 11, Granite Rock township. It was all wild land. He made many improvements, set out a grove and erected good buildings. His wife was born in 1837 and still lives in Lucan with her son-in-law, Nels Larson. Mr. Kartak died March 20, 1907. There were the following children in the family: Jacob, who died in November, 1914; Stephen, now a retired farmer of Olivia, Minn.; Mary, wife of John Dolezal, a farmer of South Dakota; Anna, wife of Joseph Dolezal, a retired farmer of Olivia, Minn.; Frances, wife of Otto Hack, a retired farmer of Olivia; Josephine, wife of Mike Skoblick, a farmer of Granite Rock township; Jennie, wife of Nels P. Larson; and John, a farmer of South Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Larson have the follow-

ing children: Anna, Lawrence, Louis, Raymond, Edna, Leo and Lyndon.

Charles Welter, in the livery and dray business at Lucan, was born September 25, 1879, in Medo township, Blue Earth county, Minnesota, son of Nicholas and Emily (Will) Welter. His father, Nicholas Welter, was born April 15, 1850, in Luxemburg, Germany, and came to America in 1866, locating in Oconomowoc, Wis., where he engaged in farming for five years. In 1871 he came to Medo township and rented a farm, where he lived for two years. In 1873 he rented a farm owned by John Nelson in Blue Earth county and lived there nine years. In 1892 he bought 160 acres in section 4, Johnsonville township, Redwood county. This land was partly improved and had a rude barn and frame house upon it. A grove had been set out, but he planted more grove and orchard. In 1899 he built a barn and rebuilt the house. He raised a good grade of swine. In 1904 he rented the farm and retired to Lucan, where he died December 31, 1914. He was married in 1877 at Oconomowoc, Wis. His wife was born October 15, 1855, at Oconomowoc, and now lives at Gary, Ind. She was the daughter of David and Mariah (Watson) Will, both natives of Scotland, who died in 1869 and 1914 respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Welter had the following children: George, born in 1878 and died in 1893; Charles, born September 25, 1879; Jennie, born April 9, 1883, now at Gary, Ind.; William, born November 11, 1885, an attorney at Gary, Ind. Charles Welter attended the common school of his neighborhood and graduated from the Lamberton high school in 1902. He taught district school for two years and in 1904 took the position of manager and buyer of the Springfield Milling Company's elevator at Lucan. In 1914 he entered the livery and dray business. He was married June 22, 1904, to Ethel Archer, born September 27, 1884, at Tracy, Minn. She was the daughter of Wilber Archer, formerly in the railway service, later owning a farm near Lamberton. In 1897 he moved to Lamberton, where he died August 7, 1902. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Archer are: Arthur, proprietor of a restaurant at Lucan; Ethel; Mrs. Fred Jefferson of Granite Rock township, and Dorah. Mr. and Mrs. Welter have the following children: Lila Elaine, born October 4, 1906; Lucille Jeanette, born July 24, 1908; Ethelyn Pearl, born October 4, 1911; Frances Marie, born June 28, 1914; Doris La Von, born August 31, 1916.

Delancy S. Cantine, a very successful farmer of Johnsonville township, was born in Saugerties, Ulster county, New York, January 20, 1863, son of Peter and Sarah Ann (Starin) Cantine. Peter Cantine was born in Saugerties, December 27, 1831, and for many years was a well known attorney of that town. He died December 21, 1900. He was of that sturdy Dutch stock which settled New York and laid the foundations of its commercial





MR. AND MRS. BYRON M. KNIGHT

greatness, the ancestral Cantines coming from Holland to America in 1685. Peter Cantine was married December 29, 1857, to Sarah Ann Starin, who was born May 27, 1831, at Fultonville, Montgomery county, New York, and died in January, 1904. This union resulted in the following children: Charles F., born November 4, 1858, who died July 14, 1912, in New York state; Lydia, born November 25, 1860, now residing at Saugerties, N. Y.; Delancy S., born January 20, 1863, and Martin, born January 22, 1866, who is a paper manufacturer at Saugerties. Delancy S. Cantine attended the common and high schools at New York and also took a special three-year college course in the Academy in his home town. After finishing his schooling he worked on his father's farm until 1884, when he came to Redwood county, Minnesota, and bought 320 acres in section 34, Johnsonville township, and 80 acres in the east half of the southeast quarter, being a tree claim. With his father he also bought 640 acres—section 3—in North Hero township, which was the second piece of railroad land sold in that township. He broke the raw prairie, planted his tree claim and set out good orchards. He also built the present house and barn and has since added a granary, cribs and made other useful improvements. The house was badly damaged by fire July 4, 1915, but was soon rebuilt. Mr. Cantine raises Poll-Angus cattle and buys feeders and ships about five carloads every year. He keeps about 300 sheep and raises Duroc Jersey swine. Through energy and perseverance he has conquered success and now has a fine, well-kept and profitable farm. Mr. Cantine was married March 11, 1889, in North Hero township, to Myrtle T. Knight, who was born February 24, 1870, in Hampton, Minn., daughter of Byron M. and Miranda D. (Keith) Knight. Mr. and Mrs. Cantine have the following children: Sarah A., born January 11, 1890; Hester E., March 10, 1891; Marinda K., August 29, 1892; Peter B., May 6, 1894; Lydia F., June 29, 1896; Martin, April 11, 1898; Elizabeth D., February 28, 1900; Charles F., June 19, 1902; Delancy S., October 25, 1906; Mary P., February 17, 1908, and Myrtle C., January 24, 1913.

Byron M. Knight, a pioneer, was born July 22, 1824, in North Hero, Vt., and came west to Dakota county, Minnesota, in 1854. There he bought a farm and tilled the soil until 1869, when he sold out and came to Redwood county. Here he homesteaded 160 acres in section 10, North Hero township, giving the township the name of his birthplace in Vermont, and engaged in farming. In course of time he improved his farm and added to it 320 acres. He was one of the most prominent citizens of the township and held many local offices. Mr. Knight enlisted in 1861 in the Nineteenth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry and served until 1863, being honorably discharged for disability. He was married in Michigan to Miranda D. Keith, who was born February 10, 1833, in Monroe

county, New York. Mr. Knight died April 27, 1901, in North Hero township. There were the following children: Mariah W., who died February 1, 1888; Merrill A., born October 19, 1853, and died March 27, 1915; Agnes S., born June 10, 1856, and died in May, 1912; William F., born December 8, 1858, and died in August, 1913; Beach M., born March 25, 1865, a farmer of Canada; Myrtle T., born February 24, wife of Delancy S. Cantine; Walter, born November 10, 1874, a farmer in Canada.

Alfred J. Gebhard, of Gebhard Brothers, clothiers of Lamberton, was born April 1, 1875, at New Ulm, Minn., son of Joseph H. and Mary (Groppe) Gebhard. His father was born at Buffalo, N. Y., in 1852, and his mother was born at Geneva, Ill., in 1856. His father was in the hardware business at New Ulm from 1875 until 1890, and then sold out and moved to Lamberton, where he again entered that business. He died in 1905. There were twelve children in the family, nine are living: Alfred; Henry N., of Lamberton; Louis W., of Lamberton; Jos. W. Gebhard, of Winsted, Minn.; George W., of New England, N. D.; Matie, now Mrs. A. O. White, of Lewistown, Mont.; Laura, Walter and Agnes, all at home. Alfred completed the work in the public schools at St. Clair, Minn. He took a course at the Mankato State Normal school, finishing in 1897. At the time of his father's death he took charge of the business with a partner under the name of Gebhard and Doster. A few years after his father's death he sold his interest in the hardware business and opened the present business with his brother Louis. He is a Republican and was a member of the Republican county committee from 1901 to 1905. He served as postmaster of Lamberton from November 15, 1902, to April 1, 1915. He is affiliated with the Masons, the K. of P., the A. O. U. W., the M. B. A. and the Eastern Star, and has been through the chairs of the Masons and the K. of P. lodges; was elected a delegate from the Second Congressional district of Minnesota to the Republican national convention June 7, 1916. Mr. Gebhard was married August 18, 1903, to Mabel Shaw, born at Clearwater, Minn., May 15, 1874, daughter of William and Julia (Browe) Shaw, whose father died in 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Gebhard have the following children: Kenneth, age 8; Marjorie, age 6; William, age 4, and Merle, age 2. The family are members of the Congregational church.

Frederick W. Kastner was born May 13, 1881, in Lamberton township, this county, son of Christian and Katherine (Harr) Kastner. His father was born in Germany, September 2, 1839, and his mother was born at Waterloo, Mich., March 17, 1844. His father came to America at an early age locating in Ohio and later in Michigan. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted and served to the end of the war. In the spring of 1873 he came to Redwood county and homesteaded 160 acres in section 18, Lam-

berton township where his son now lives. He made extensive improvements and prospered. He carried on general farming and stockraising. He was a Democrat and held office both on the township and the school boards. In 1912 he retired from active work and moved to Lamberton, where he died May 23, 1916, at his home in Lamberton, Minn. His son, Frederick, took charge of the farm. There were eight children in the family: Four sons and four daughters. Frederick W. Kastner has made good progress during the short time in which he has been in charge of the farm. He carries on diversified farming and raises Shorthorn cattle, Poland China swine and Clyde horses. He is a nonpartisan and is serving as a member of the township board for second term. He is a member of the German Lutheran church.

Julian P. Motter, a well known farmer of Lamberton township, was born August 27, 1864, in Wright county, Minn., son of Philip and Sybil (Stewart) Motter. His father was born in Germany, engaged in farming a while in Wright county and in 1873 moved to Springfield, Minn., where he died in 1906; his wife was born in Ohio, and died in Springfield, Minn., May 24 1908. In 1885 Julian P. Motter bought 160 acres in section 8 of Lamberton township, and later added eighty acres in section 9. It was all wild land and he has made many improvements. He has a fine orchard of apples, plums, and cherry trees, besides small fruit. On this place he has the following acreage: thirty-five acres of wheat, forty acres of corn, forty acres of oats, thirty-five acres of rye and forty acres of pasture. He also owns 120 acres of land in Eldorado county, California, where he spends his winters. On his California farm he raises wheat and other small grain. He also has fifty hives of Austrian and Italian bees which produce about 3,000 pounds of honey per year. He has a number of registered Shorthorn cattle, Poland China hogs, and also raises a good grade of Clyde horses. He is a stockholder in the Farmer's Elevator at Lamberton, and is independent in politics. He is president of the Farmers' Club and clerk of the school board. He belongs to the M. W. A. of Lamberton. Mr. Motter was married July 4, 1885, to Leona Gooler of Redwood county. By this marriage there was one child, Louis, born June 12, 1889. He was married the second time September 2, 1907, to Mrs. Anna Bittner, born August 13, 1868, in Blue Earth county, daughter of William Conrad and Elizabeth (Kaus) Conrad. Her father served for two years in a Wisconsin regiment during the Civil War and was a prisoner at Libby prison, where he contracted a sickness from which he never recovered and which caused his death July 10, 1913. He was a farmer of Bismark, South Dakota. Her mother died in 1890, at the age of forty-four. Anna Conrad was married March 15, 1887, to Ernest Bittner, Mankato, Minn., and he died in 1893. There were two children

by this marriage: William, born July 23, 1889, now living at Ft. Clark, North Dakota, and Arthur, born August 12, 1891, living in Redwood county, Minnesota. By Mr. Motter's second marriage there is one child, Clarence, born April 29, 1909. The family faith is that of the Methodist church.

Albert H. Enersen, county attorney of Redwood county, was born October 4, 1871, in Bashaw township, Brown county, Minn., son of Christian and Charlotte (Heramb) Enersen, both natives of Christiania, Norway. His father was born Dec. 10, 1836, and his mother was born January 11, 1838. They are both living at Springfield. His father was a rope maker by trade before he came to America in 1866. He remained in New York state two years and then moved to Black Hawk county, Iowa, next going to Brown county, Minnesota, in 1870, where he bought 160 acres of land and farmed until 1884, when he sold out and moved to Springfield, Minn. There were six children in the family: Clara, now Mrs. A. W. Christensen, of Grant county, South Dakota; Axel R. M., of Detroit, Minn.; Carrie, now Mrs. H. K. Schroeder, of Miller, South Dakota; Laura, now Mrs. Henry G. Ohlsen, of Springfield, Minn.; Albert H.; Cora, now Mrs. Hans L. Hansen, of West Concord, Minn. Albert H. completed his education at Mankato high school, Mankato, Minn., June, 1894, and became that fall principal of the West Mankato school, a position which he held for four years. In 1898 he went to Lamberton and studied law and was admitted to the bar October 8, 1900. In politics he is a Republican. He has held the office of clerk of the school board of Lamberton since 1901. He was a member of the village council in 1906-08 and has been secretary of the Lamberton Commercial club since 1904. May 1, 1910, he was appointed county attorney to fill the vacancy caused by the retiring of William G. Owens. In the fall of 1910 he was elected to that office and re-elected in 1912 and again in 1914. He is affiliated with the following lodges: A. F. & A. M., M. W. A., A. O. U. W., O. E. S. and the K. of P. Mr. Enersen was married October 8, 1902, to Ethel Rice, of Mankato, Minn., born February 6, 1878, daughter of Tobias and Ada M. (Perrin) Rice, natives of Norway and Vermont respectively. Her father was a traveling salesman and died in 1890. There were three children in the family: Jessie, Ethel and Garth, who is at Minneapolis, Minn. Mr. and Mrs. Enersen have two children: Burnham, born November 27, 1905, and Lawrence, born July 5, 1909.

Albert F. Borchardt, a successful farmer of Lamberton township, was born January 18, 1860, in Wisconsin, son of John and Caroline (Timm) Borchardt. The parents were natives of Germany who came to America in 1858, locating in Wisconsin. In March, 1860, they removed to Nicollet county, Minnesota, where the father bought 120 acres of school land. The mother died there



ALBERT F. BORCHARDT AND FAMILY

in 1884, and John Borchardt later moved to Renville county, where his death occurred in 1890. Their children were: Fredricka, now Mrs. Charles Sachow, of Renville county; Albert F.; Bertha, now Mrs. August Blank (deceased); John, of Redwood county; and August, who died in infancy. Albert F. Borchardt remained at home until he was 23 years of age and then bought a farm in Renville county. Two years later he moved to Redwood Falls and bought a farm in Redwood Falls township, which he owned for 12 years. In 1899 he bought his present place of 318 acres in sections 14 and 15, Lamberton township, Redwood county. He also owns 240 acres of land in Wisconsin. His acreage in grain is 80 acres of wheat, 40 of oats, 55 of corn, 32 of rye and 15 of barley. He raises red poll Angus cattle and Poland China swine, keeping about 50 a year, and also keeps a good grade of horses. A Republican in politics, he has served as treasurer of Lamberton township during the last six years. Fraternally he is affiliated with the M. W. A. camp at Lamberton. Mr. Borchardt was married July 10, 1884, to Adaline Wilschack, of Renville county, who died October 30, 1895. Three children were born of this union; Clarence, Jasper and Hazel. He was married again October 15, 1896, to Lizzie Patsche, who was born in Nicollet county, Minn., October 26, 1863, daughter of Henry and Fredricka (Preibe) Patsche, natives of Germany, who came to Nicollet county, Minnesota in 1854. For many years Mr. Patsche farmed and then retired in 1884 to Nicollet, Minn., where he lived until 1905. He then moved to St. Peter, where he died January 15, 1907. Mrs. Borchardt's mother died November 23, 1886. There were five children in their family: August; Lizzie; Henry, of Eldridge, North Dakota; Annie, now Mrs. Herman Radatzke, and John, who died in infancy. By Mr. Borchardt's second marriage there were two children, Ruben, born October 8, 1897, and William, born August 4, 1901.

William Fairfield, one of the early farmers of Waterbury township, was born in Canada, February 7, 1836, son of John and Elizabeth (Clapp) Fairfield, natives of Canada and New York, respectively, and married in Canada, where they lived until their death. They had five children: Reuben, William, James, Albert, and Charlotte. William attended the district schools of Canada and at the age of fifteen came to the United States, locating in Wisconsin, where he worked in the pineries. Afterwards he engaged in farming. In 1862 he enlisted in the Twenty-third Regiment, Wisconsin, Company C, and was ordered to Camp Randall, at Madison, Wis. His first scrimmage was at Champion Hills, Va. He also took part in the battle at Arkansas Post, where several lives were lost. The next battle was at Vicksburg. He was discharged August, 1863, returning to Wisconsin. In 1870 he came to Brown county, Minnesota, and se-

cured a homestead. On account of the grasshoppers destroying his crops he moved to Redwood county and located on the farm of O. B. Turrell, where he lived two years. Then he came to Waterbury township and bought 160 acres of school land, and here he began farming with four head of horses and seven cows. He broke forty acres of land the first year. He raised good stock and farmed until 1908. The farm is now conducted by his son James. Mr. Fairfield was married March 1, 1865, to Harriett Ells, born August 3, 1846. They have three children: James, John and Annie. The family faith is that of the Methodist church. John lives in Lamberton township and Annie is the wife of Edward Roof, of Lamberton.

James Fairfield, an extensive farmer of Waterbury township, was born November 26, 1875, in Brown county, Minnesota, son of William Fairfield. He was two years old when the family moved to Redwood county. He bought 160 acres in section 18, Lamberton township and farmed there several years when he sold it to his brother John. He then returned to the home place in section 36, Waterbury township, where he now carries on general farming and is a breeder of Shorthorn cattle. He was married October 20, 1899, to Myrtle Olson. They have three children: Harrison, Eunice, Agnes.

Arthur E. Clements, a well known business man of Clements, was born in St. Paul, August 13 1876. For eight and a half years he was engaged in the livery business at Clements, but in the spring of 1913 sold out and opened a hardware and implement store. In the fall of 1915 he sold a half interest to Louis Raddatz and the firm is now known as Clements and Raddatz. They carry a full line of implements and hardware, the stock being valued at \$6,000. The store, a brick building with full basement, 28 by 48, and one story, was built in the spring of 1913. Mr. Clements served on the village council for three years and was its president for one year. He also served as clerk of the school board for three years. Fraternally he is affiliated with the M. B. A. Mr. Clements was married January 26, 1904, to Louisa Genske, born October 10, 1882, daughter of August Genske, a farmer of Carrington, N. D., and his wife, Ida. Mr. and Mrs. Clements have six children: Mabel, Richard, Ethel, Lorna, Ida and Byrel.

Peter O. Clements, sturdy pioneer from whom the village of Clements takes its name, was born in Sweden, April 17, 1847, son of Ole and Anna Clementson, who spent the years of their life in that country. Peter O. was reared to sturdy manhood in the old country and was instructed in the rudiments of education and religion in the parish church and school. Seeking a wider opportunity, he came to this country and after visiting four weeks in Litchfield, this state, went to Washington county,

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also this state, where he worked for several years. In 1877 he came to Three Lakes township, Redwood county, and acquired 160 acres of wild land in section 32. Aside from his land, his personal property consisted of a small amount of furniture, a small quantity of provisions and three horses. The horses he traded for two yoke of oxen and 60 bushels of seed. With this beginning he set to work, broke 82 acres of land and erected a frame house, 14 by 18 feet. Discouragements overtook him from the very beginning. The first year he had no crop and the second year, just before he was ready to harvest, a hail storm swept over his fields destroying everything growing therein. However, with undaunted courage, he continued his hard labor and in time achieved prosperity. He now has a well-improved farm of 320 acres, with two splendid residences, and all the necessary barns, sheds and outbuildings. On this place he carries on general farming, feeds live stock for the market and takes a special interest in his cattle and swine. When the village of Clements was started, this worthy farmer was honored by having his name given to that hamlet. Mr. Clements was married January 6, 1874, to Anna Holmes, who was born June 6, 1853, daughter of C. G. and Mary (Hendrickson) Holmes. To this union have been born children as follows: Agnes, Arthur, Lincoln, Sadie, Lincoln (second), Myrtle, Ada, Hattie and Welden. Agnes was born June 13, 1877, married John Rosendahl, a jeweler, of Walla Walla, Wash., and has two children, Ruth and Viola. Arthur, born April 13, 1878, and who is a hardware dealer in Clements village, married Louise Ganske and they have six children: Mabel, Richard, Ethel, Lorna, Ida and Burl. Lincoln was born May 2, 1881, and died at the age of two years. Sadie was born October 17, 1883, married William Marvin a traveling salesman of Redwood Falls, and has two children, Hazel and Lilah. Lincoln (second) was born February 2, 1885, and now lives in Saskatchewan, Canada. Myrtle was born August 14, 1886, and lives in Clements village. Ada was born January 30, 1888, and lives at home, near Clements. Hattie was born June 6, 1890, married Reid Thompson, who has a grocery store at Nevada, Iowa, and has two girls, Neoma and Myrtle. Welden was born August 17, 1891, married Alta Olson, has one son, Forest, and operates the home farm.

Albert E. Hartwig, a substantial farmer of Three Lakes township, was born in Germany, December 22, 1872, son of Carl and Johanna (Bahr) Hartwig. The father came to America in 1877 and farmed near Waseca, Minn., where he lived for 21 years. Then he bought 227½ acres of land in section 7, Three Lakes township, where he now lives with his son. His wife died in 1909, at the age of seventy-nine. Albert E. Hartwig remained at home until 1898, when he took over the farm in Three Lakes

township on which he has since made extensive improvements. In 1906 he built a barn 30 by 50 feet, and in 1910 a house of ten rooms, equipped with hot water heat, pressure tank and bath. He has a nice grove and a five-acre orchard. Mr. Hartwig is a stockholder in the Farmers' Elevator at Redwood Falls. He is now serving as treasurer of school district No. 97. He was married in May, 1903, to Alvina Arndt, who was born October 2, 1879, in Germany, daughter of August and Henrietta (Krueger) Arndt. Her father, who had been a miller, came to America from Germany in 1892 and located in Waseca county, where he died in 1909, at the age of 78 years. Mr. and Mrs. Hartwig have four children: Gertrude, born December 10, 1905; Helen and Hilda (twins), born April 18, 1908, and Alfred, born August 29, 1912.

Joseph Kuelbs, an enterprising farmer of Three Lakes township, was born in Brown county, January 30, 1866, son of Joseph and Katy (Hurres) Kuelbs. His mother died when he was quite small and he was brought up by his grandfather, Matthias Knipfer, a farmer of Brown county, Minnesota. When 16 years of age he began working out and continued to do so until 26 years old. In 1890 he bought 160 acres of land in section 34, Three Lakes township, where he is now located. He began breaking the wild prairie land and erected buildings, his first house being a frame structure, 16 by 20 feet. His farm is now well improved and embraces 307 acres. He has one acre of fruit and a grove covering three and a half acres. In 1912 Mr. Kuelbs built a barn of cement blocks, 34 by 60 feet, large enough for 25 cattle, 12 horses and 100 tons of hay. Since 1912 he has given a part of his time to threshing. He owns a fine Belgian stallion, which took sweepstakes twice at the Redwood county fair. Since 1903 he has served on the township board, and has been treasurer of school district No. 105 since 1907. He is also president of the Verein at Clements. Mr. Kuelbs was united in marriage June 14, 1892, to Barbara Stitz, who was born August 8, 1877, daughter of Nicholas Stitz, a farmer of Brookville township, who came from Germany in 1886, and his wife Mary (Hala) Stitz, who died in 1896 at the age of thirty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Kuelbs have the following children: Andrew, born July 6, 1893; Katy, born March 29, 1896, now Mrs. Carl Klabunde, of Brookville township; Thomas, born May 3, 1899; Mary, born May 1, 1902; Aloius, born September 19, 1904; Roman, born May 9, 1907; Cleophas, born September 25, 1911, and Isadore H., born in December, 1915. The family worship at the Catholic church at Clements.

Andrew Paulsen, a prosperous farmer of Three Lakes township, was born in Denmark, May 13, 1856, son of Andrew Paulson, a tailor, who died in 1874, at the age of 67 years, and his

wife, Mary (Bylow) Paulsen, who died in 1910, at the age of 99 years. Andrew Paulsen came to the United States in 1884 and located at Stoughton, Wis., where he remained for ten years working out among the farmers. Then he went to Brown county, Minnesota, where he farmed for four years. He next moved to Morgan township, Redwood county, where also he farmed for four years. In 1900 Mr. Paulsen bought 80 acres in section 11 in Three Lakes township, and has since carried on farming here. It was all wild prairie land when he bought it, but is now well improved, fenced and tiled. He has added to his land so that he now has 160 acres. In 1913 Mr. Paulsen rebuilt the house and now has a fine eight-room dwelling. In 1900 he built a barn, 32 by 36 feet. He carries on general farming, seven acres of his land being devoted to alfalfa. He has served as school treasurer of district No. 92 for nine years and is a shareholder in the Farmers' Elevator Company at Morgan. Mr. Paulsen was married in 1885 to Marin Peterson, who died in 1887, at the age of 27 years, leaving one child, Louisa. He married secondly Mary Rasmussen, who died November 14, 1914, at the age of 42 years. There were 13 children by this second marriage namely: Louis, Annie, Ella, Christ, Emma, Sophia, John, Elmer, Charles, and four who died in infancy.

Thomas Steffl was born in Austria, March 4, 1861, and came to America in 1870, with his parents, they locating in Brown county, Minnesota. Here he remained until 1886, when he bought 160 acres in section 26, Three Lakes township, Redwood county. From time to time he has improved and enlarged his farm, so that it now comprises 520 acres. In 1893 a barn, 36 by 60, was built and in 1911 a new eight-room house was erected. Mr. Steffl owns 40 head of cattle and carries on dairying. He also has one-half acre of fruit. He served on the township board four years, was director and clerk of school district No. 105, for fifteen years and has served as township clerk for the past ten years. He was president of the creamery for two years and for two years its treasurer. Mr. Steffl was married July 10, 1888, to Theresa Kuelbs, who was born December 26, 1867, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kuelbs, her father being a retired farmer of Home township, Brown county, now living at Sleepy Eye. Mr. and Mrs. Steffl have had ten children: Thomas, John (a merchant at Clements), Edward, Mary, Theresa, Margaret, Sylvester, Agnes, Frances (deceased), and Frank.

John F. Steffl, a merchant of Clements, was born in Three Lakes township, Redwood county, Minnesota, April 19, 1891, son of Thomas and Theresa (Kuelbs) Steffl. He remained at home until 16 years of age, and then began work as clerk in the general store of Peter Nissen at Clements. Two years later he entered upon similar employment in the general store of Miesen Brothers

of Clements. After a year he bought the interest of one of the brothers, Matt. Miesen, and the store was then operated under the name of Miesen and Steffl. They handle general merchandise and furniture, carrying about \$15,000 worth of stock, and have leased the Warnecke building, a two-room structure with basement. Mr. Steffl is at present a member of the village council. He was married September 29, 1914, to Martha Hartneck, who was born February 2, 1897, daughter of Joseph and Martha Hartneck, her father being a farmer of Sleepy Eye.

Reuben A. Druck, a successful farmer of Three Lakes township, was born in York county, Pennsylvania, February 5, 1857, son of Benjamin and Katherine (Arnold) Druck. The father, who was a farmer of York county, died there in 1896, the mother dying in 1900 at the age of 64. Reuben A. Druck remained at home until he was 24 years of age. From 1886 until 1891 he was foreman of bridge builders on the C. B. & Q. railroad. Then he entered into the grocery business at Knoxville, Ia., and later engaged in contracting and building there. Then he began farming in Marion county, Iowa, later farming in Green county, Iowa, and in 1909 bought 160 acres in section 10, Three Lakes township, Redwood county, Minnesota, where he is now located, owning at present 307½ acres. He makes a specialty of buying and feeding cattle and hogs, keeping from 125 to 150 head of cattle and about 200 head of hogs per year. As a corn grower he is widely known, and in conserving his soil he alternates this crop with oats and barley. He also plants from 25 to 50 acres of potatoes a year, and in 1914 had a yield of 400 bushels to the acre. In July, 1916, he purchased a cattle ranch of 1,189 acres, with a mile and a half of shore line on Crooked Lake, in Cass county, this state. Mr. Druck was married November 16, 1886, to Helena Johanna Abels, who was born September 16, 1863, daughter of John and Sophia (Gerdes) Abels. Her father is a retired farmer of Mound Union, Ia., born May 12, 1833; and her mother was born February 23, 1833. Mr. and Mrs. Druck have had six children: Raymond H., born August 20, 1887, who died August 19, 1906; Beulah H., now Mrs. Fred Nelson, living on a farm near Albert Lea; Letha M., now Mrs. Earnest Eckey, of Norway, Ia.; Ruby F., William M., and Reese A. The three last mentioned are residing at home.

Mathew Wilson, now deceased, was born in Howard, N. Y., February 9, 1830, son of Samuel and Mary (Powell) Wilson. His father was a farmer in New York and later moved to Illinois and then to Goodhue county, Minnesota. The mother died in 1848. Mathew Wilson came to Goodhue county in 1856 and worked out on the farms until 1872, after which he lived in Redwood Falls for one year. In 1873 he homesteaded a tract of land in Lyon county, Minnesota, and lived there three years. Moving to Redwood county in 1877, he located on the homestead of his father-



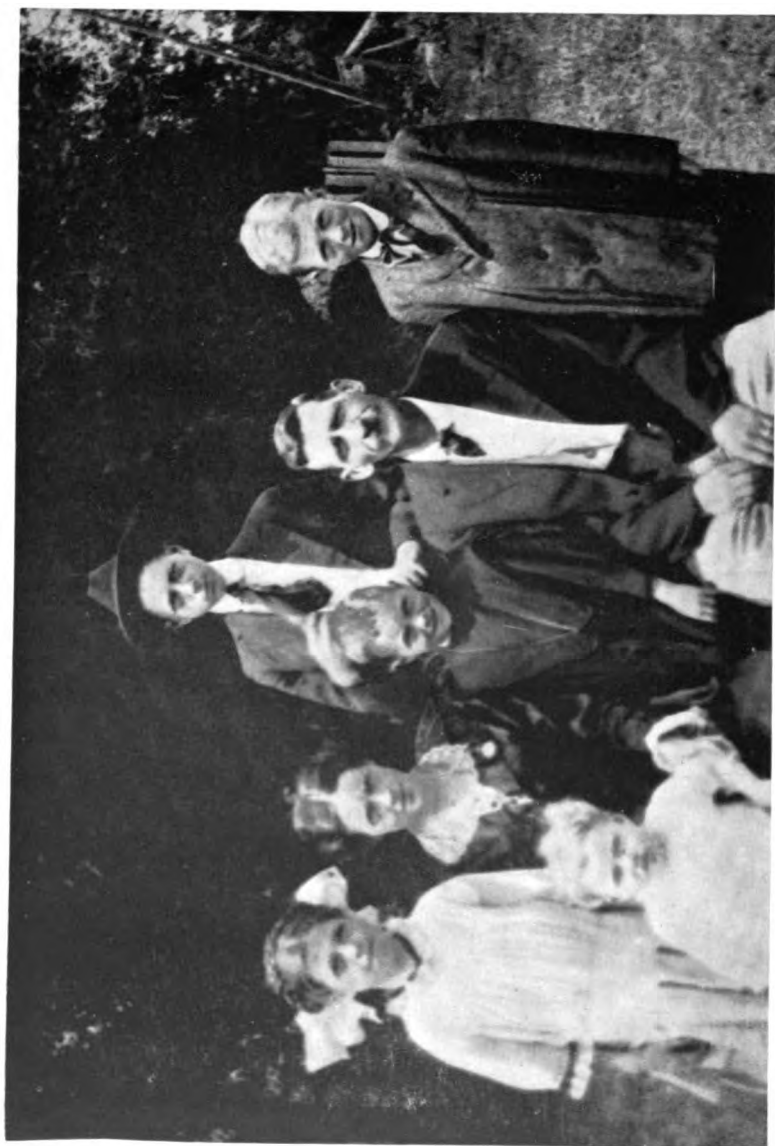
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in-law, in section 20, Three Lakes township, where he subsequently resided until his death, July 25, 1904. For 13 years he served as township clerk, and was school clerk for 12 years. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in Company F, Eighth Minnesota regiment, in August, 1862, and served three years. His wife still lives on the home place. Mr. Wilson was married April 24, 1874, to Janet Montgomery, who was born November 10, 1849, in Scotland, daughter of Robert and Mary (Reid) Montgomery. Her father came to America from Scotland in 1871 and located in Redwood county, Minnesota, May 6. In 1872 he homesteaded 80 acres in section 20, Three Lakes township, which place was his home thereafter until his death, February 6, 1890, at the age of 71 years. His wife died in 1878 at the age of 62. They had been married in 1846 in Ayrshire, Scotland, and had five children. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson had the following children: Mary, born August 4, 1875, now Mrs. W. T. Wilcox, wife of an implement dealer in Redwood Falls; Jane, born April 8, 1876, living at home; Robert, born June 13, 1877, who died March 1, 1899; Elizabeth, born February 26, 1890, a teacher at Amiret, Minn.; and Alice G., born November 12, 1893, who is a student at the Mankato State Normal school.

Swen J. Bergblom, a well-known farmer of Springdale township, was born October 18, 1853, in Sweden, son of Carl J. and Mariah Bergblom, both natives of Sweden. Carl J. was born in 1825 and came to America in 1869, locating at Moline, Ill., where he worked as a farm hand and laborer until 1875. Then he became employed in the Dimmock & Gold saw mill and pail factory at Moline, in which city he died, December 14, 1901. He was married October 1, 1851. His wife was born June 20, 1820, and died December 18, 1901. Their children were: Swen J.; Elizabeth (Mrs. Swen A. Sandahl), now living in Chicago; and Carl A., who died in 1869 at Moline. Swen J. Bergblom worked as a farm hand for a time and in 1871 obtained employment in the pail factory at Moline, Ill., where he remained until August 28, 1884. He then came to Redwood county and bought 160 acres of land in section 14, Springdale township. In 1904 he added to his farm 80 acres of land in section 15 and 80 acres in section 22. Ninety acres of the land in section 14 had been broken and seven acres had been used for a grove, there being also a small orchard. There was a small house, 14 by 18 feet, and a straw barn and small shed. In 1892 he built a comfortable house and in 1900 a substantial barn. He has since increased the size of his orchard and has a large number of fine cattle. Mr. Bergblom was married August 17, 1882, in Moline, Ill., to Emma Erickson, who was born September 3, 1856, daughter of Nels J. and Anna Erickson. Her father was born in Sweden in 1825 and came to America in 1851, finding employment as a blacksmith in the plow factory of John

Deere at Moline, Ill. He became noted for his skill in tempering plows. He bought 120 acres of land near Moline, and died there in 1898. His wife was born in Sweden in 1829 and is now living with her daughter Emma. There were seven children in the Erickson family: Matilda (Mrs. O. Olson), who died in 1884; Emma (Mrs. Bergblom); Albert, who died in a railway accident at Moline in 1908; Mollie, deceased; Nathan, now on the old home farm at Moline; John, deceased; and Ellen, also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Bergblom have five children: August, living in Gales township; Carl, living in Springdale township; and Anna, Franz, and Alma, all living in Springdale township.

John G. Wiecks, dealer in meats at Walnut Grove, was born January 23, 1887, at Tracy, Minn., son of William and Bertha (Went) Wiecks. His parents were born, respectively, in 1865 and 1867. The mother came to America from Germany at an early age with her parents. The father is a traveling salesman, who lives at Walnut Grove. Their children are: Edward W., of Windom, Minn.; Clara (Mrs. F. A. Evans), of Brookings, S. D.; Henry A., living at home; George H., of Elkton, S. D.; John G., subject of this sketch; and Fred R., Alfred, Harry, and Dolores, all at home. John G. Wiecks, after completing his schooling at Walnut Grove, began the meat business, January 3, 1910, with his brother Edward, buying out the interest of Henry Jacobs. In 1912 Edward sold his interest to his brother, locating at Windom, where he is engaged in the meat business. John G. has one of the best slaughter establishments in Redwood county, and also a well-equipped retail store. He has an ice house of 550 tons capacity and carries on a regular ice business in the town, and expects soon to install an icing system in his meat market for the show case and the window display. He is agent for the Swift tankage hog feed, and also deals in hides and wool, and is agent for a tanning company of Des Moines, engaged in the tanning of hides for rugs, coats, robes, etc. In addition he conducts a regular produce and poultry trade business, and is a stockholder in the Walnut Grove Building and Loan Association. A Republican in politics, he served on the village council in 1912. He is a member of the Blue lodge of Masons. Mr. Wiecks was married October 14, 1913, to Ginevra E. Walker, who was born February 21, 1893, at Oswego, Ill., daughter of Joseph R. and Nancy (Wright) Walker. Her father, a veteran of the Civil war, a member of the G. A. R., and for many years a farmer, went to Walnut Grove in 1907, where he operated the Walker Hotel until his death, April 20, 1915. There were the following children in the family: Laura (Mrs. Montagueau Morris), of Waterloo, Ia.; Floy (Mrs. George Graver), of Aurora, Ill.; Larston, deceased; Clara (Mrs. Hardy Edwards), of Oswego, Ill.; Homer, at home; Blanche, at home; Ginevra, wife of John G. Wiecks; and Everett, deceased.



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Chauncey W. Bulen, postmaster of Walnut Grove, was born May 4, 1873, at Rochester, Minn., son of Benjamin F. and Frances (Cressy) Bulen. Benjamin F. Bulen was born in New York state, October, 1843, and his wife in Massachusetts, in 1840. He first went to Wisconsin, and later to Rochester, Minn., where both parents are now living, having retired from farming. There were six children in their family: Don O., of San Diego, Cal.; Cora M. (Mrs. A. E. Hart), of Wisconsin; Chauncey W.; Benjamin F., of Minneapolis; Belle, a jeweler of Kingman, Kan.; and Pearl (Mrs. John F. Fixen), of Seaforth, Minn. Chauncey W. Bulen completed his common school education at Rochester, and in 1891 went to St. Paul, where he entered the employ of the Hackett Hardware Co., remaining there eight years. Then coming to Walnut Grove, he was interested in the hardware business for about a year with his brother, Don O. Next he went to Seaforth, where he was engaged in the hardware business for four years. In 1904 he returned to Walnut Grove and again entered into the hardware business with his brother, Don O. Selling out in 1910, he engaged in the harness business with Mr. Nybo under the firm name of Bulen and Nybo. A year later he sold his interest and started a general store, which he sold in January, 1915. He was appointed postmaster January 8, 1915. Mr. Bulen is a Democrat in politics. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masons, the I. O. O. F., and the M. W. A. He was married November 7, 1899, to Jessie Masters, who was born November 24, 1880, in Winneshiek county, Iowa, daughter of John F. and Prudence (Sharp) Masters, natives of New York, whose children were: Inez, Mabel, Edda, and Jessie. Mr. and Mrs. Bulen have the following children: Roy, born June 18, 1901; Lloyd, September 2, 1904; Mildred, December 6, 1906; Clarence, April 6, 1909; and Genevieve, September 22, 1914. The family faith is that of the Methodist church.

Peter A. Benson, a well-known grocer of Walnut Grove, was born May 22, 1869, in Denmark, son of Hans Peter and Ann Margaretha (Dahlby) Benson. He was one of nine children, eight of whom are living: Martin, of Carona, Canada; Hans, James, Joergen, Signe, Anine, and Caroline, of Denmark, and Peter A., of Walnut Grove. The father, a cabinet-maker, was born in 1836, and died June 11, 1906; his wife, born in 1841, died February 1, 1903. Peter A. Benson grew up in his native land, where he also received his education and served in the Danish army one year. He came to America in 1893, locating at once in Walnut Grove, Minn., where he began to look for a business opening. In the meanwhile he rented and operated a farm in Cottonwood county. After seven years he returned to Walnut Grove and opened the Arcade restaurant. January 1, 1902, he sold this and went to Balaton, Minn., where he conducted the Balaton Hotel for a year.

In 1903 Mr. Benson returned to Walnut Grove and opened the Arcade Hotel, which he operated until November 1, 1913. He then gave up hotel-keeping and has since been engaged in the grocery business, having a good and complete stock. He is a member of the M. B. A. Mr. Benson was married November 11, 1901, to Paulina Nelson, who was born in Norway, December 31, 1852, and died in Walnut Grove, April 20, 1907. He was married secondly, March 5, 1911, to Mrs. Christina M. Demkier, who was born in Denmark September 30, 1853. The family are members of the Congregational church. Mrs. Benson had by her first marriage seven children.

Fred O. Egge, of the Walnut Grove Hardware Co., was born April 8, 1881, in Freeborn county, Minnesota, son of Andrew A. and Sofia (Sigerson) Egge, natives of Norway, born in 1835 and 1845 respectively. Mrs. Egge died in 1912 at Albert Lea, where her husband now resides. Mr. Egge came to America at the age of 13 and located in Wisconsin, later coming to Freeborn county, Minnesota, where he bought a farm. He retired from farming in 1898. The children in the family were: Emma, Tilda, Henry, Ida, Nora, Fred, Alick and Arthur (twins), of whom Arthur is deceased. Fred O. Egge completed his high school education at Albert Lea in 1900 and for five years subsequently had charge of his father's farm in Freeborn county. He then went to Walnut Grove and entered into the hardware business with O. B. Flesche, under the name of Walnut Grove Hardware Co. Mr. Flesche died October 11, 1913, and his widow retained his interest in the business until January 1, 1916. Her death occurred December 8, 1915, and on January 22, 1916, her estate was sold to Mr. Egge. The latter's store is located in a good building owned by his father. Mr. Egge is a Republican in politics and has served for five years on the village council and on the school board. He was married November 18, 1903, to Inga Molstad, who was born March 7, 1883, in Freeborn county, Minnesota, daughter of Ole and Ingeborg (Lyner) Molstad, natives of Norway, who came to America, and who are now living in Freeborn county, Minnesota, where they are engaged in farming. There were the following children in the family: Holvor, Carrie (deceased), Inga, Helen (deceased), Oluf, Ida, Helmer, and Leo. Mr. and Mrs. Egge's children are: Arthur, born December 21, 1905; Winfred, May 20, 1909; Ellsworth, May 15, 1911; Irene, March 15, 1914; and Harriet, March 15, 1916. Mr. Egge and his family are members of the Norwegian Lutheran church.

P. Joseph Walsh, a progressive farmer of North Hero township, was born April 3, 1865, in Montgomery township, Le Sueur county, Minnesota, son of Richard and Ann (McMahan) Walsh, both natives of County Clare, Ireland. Richard Walsh, born April 29, 1828, came to America in 1846 and located in Augusta,



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Me., where he was married, in October, 1849, to Ann McMahan, who was born in 1826. In 1850 he moved to Detroit, Mich., where he lived six years, one year of this time being spent on the Great Lakes as a sailor. In 1856 he moved to Le Sueur county, Minnesota, where he took a claim, the deed to which was signed by President Buchanan, and is now in the possession of his son, P. Joseph. Mr. Walsh voted for the first governor of the state of Minnesota. In 1879 he came to Redwood county and bought 172 acres of land in section 18, North Hero township, which he cultivated until 1901. He retired to Tracy, Minn., where he died December 9, 1904. His wife died January 10, 1907. In politics he was a Democrat and was actively interested in local public affairs. He served as county commissioner of Le Sueur county for five years, and was superintendent of the county poor farm from 1867 to 1871. There were seven children in the family: James F.; Mary I., now deceased; John, deceased; Augusta J. (Mrs. Alf. Swoffer), deceased; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Walter Dalton, of New York; Margaret T., who married W. H. Boyle, of Waseca, Minn.; and P. Joseph. With the exception of two years, P. Joseph Walsh assisted his father with the farm work, and after his removal to Tracy took charge of the farm. He also took a homestead of 160 acres in Springdale township, which he proved up in 1892. He carries on general farming and stock raising, having Aberdeen Angus cattle, Shropshire and white-faced sheep, Poland China swine and Percheron horses. He is a stockholder in the Redwood County Rural Telephone Company. In politics Mr. Walsh is independent. He was on the Springdale township board in 1893 and on the North Hero township board in 1897. Fraternally he is identified with the A. O. U. W. lodge, No. 249, of Walnut Grove. Mr. Walsh was married, October 16, 1901, to Alvilda M. Hanson, who was born November 20, 1876, at Copenhagen, Denmark, and came to America with her parents in 1886, they settling in Brown county, Minnesota. In 1898 they moved to Redwood county and began farming in North Hero township. Her mother died December 12, 1914, and her father now lives in Iowa. There were five children in the family: Lena, Mrs. H. A. Ledenberg; Alvilda; Harl L., of Phillips, S. D.; Jennie, who is Mrs. Walter Jensen, of Independence, Ia.; and Oswald, of Independence, Ia. Mr. and Mrs. Walsh have seven children: Frances M., born September 8, 1903; Alva J., December 23, 1904; Richard L., January 10, 1906; Jennie J., April 20, 1908; Catherine P., January 12, 1911; Joseph P., May 7, 1913; and Connor J., August 20, 1914. The family faith is that of the Catholic church.

John Nelson, a well-known farmer of North Hero township, was born August 30, 1851, in Sweden, son of Nels and Truen (Swanson) Ingemanson. The father died in May, 1916, his wife having passed away in 1908. There were nine children in the

family: John, Kersti, Malena, Celia, Nels, Bengta, Matilda, Swen and Anna. John Nelson came to America in 1880, locating in section 7, North Hero township, Redwood county, Minnesota, where he bought 80 acres of land. To this he later added 80 acres more. He has good farm buildings, a small but well-developed orchard and raises a good grade of stock. As a stockman he keeps Duroc Jersey swine, marketing about eighty per year. In addition to his personal holdings, he rents extra land, having the following acreage in crops: 125 acres of corn, 60 acres of oats, ten acres of rye, 12 acres of barley, and eight acres of wheat. He is a stockholder in the Farmers' Rural Telephone Co. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Nelson has just completed a new barn, 22 by 48 feet, also a corn crib and granary, in fact has made all the improvements on his place, including the planting of a grove. Mr. Nelson was married February 25, 1883, to Nellie S. Lindgren, who was born in Sweden, September 15, 1867, daughter of John and Hannah (Nelson) Lindgren. Her parents came to America in 1875 and settled in Springdale township, Redwood county, on an 80-acre tract of land. Mr. Lindgren died in 1882 and Mrs. Lindgren is now living with her daughter, Mrs. Nelson. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have had children born as follows: Alfred, April 28, 1884; Carl, October 6, 1885; Franz, October 31, 1887; Hannah, August 15, 1889; Emma, March 22, 1891; Lillie, May 27, 1893; Alvin, February 11, 1896; Elmer, November 6, 1899; and Victor, April 27, 1904. Alfred was married November 7, 1913, to Jennie Whitney; Hannah was married June 1, 1910, to Carl Moline, and they have one child, Crystal, born August 10, 1912; Emma married September 1, 1915, Swen Swenson, and they have one child, Lorraine. The family faith is that of the Swedish Lutheran church.

Edwin A. Randolph, who was for some years a prosperous farmer and stock raiser of North Hero township, was born April 27, 1872, in Kasota, Minn., and died March 8, 1916. He was a son of James and Elizabeth (Bartholomew) Randolph, natives of England, who came to America as young people and settled in Illinois, where they were married. In 1861 they moved to Le Sueur county, Minnesota, where the father died in 1900. There were eight children in the family, four of whom are now living, James of Kasota, Minn.; John, Henry and Edwin A. Edwin A. Randolph left home at the age of 17 years and with his brother John bought a quarter section of land in Redwood county, later selling it and purchasing three 80-acre tracts with his brother Henry. They sold these in 1910 and Edwin A. went to Los Angeles county, California, where he bought 12 acres of orange orchard. In 1912 he sold this property and returned to Redwood county, where he bought 160 acres in section 34, North Hero township. His farm, which was originally a tree claim,

homesteaded by his wife's father, was kept in fine condition. He was engaged in the breeding of Shorthorn cattle, Duroc Jersey swine and Shire and Percheron horses. In politics he was a Republican. Mr. Randolph was an industrious and respected citizen whose death, while still in middle life, was much regretted by a wide circle of friends. Mr. Randolph was married August 1, 1894, to Bessie Wiggins, who was born August 20, 1874, daughter of James and Hilda (Sanderson) Wiggins. Her father came to Redwood county at an early date and settled in North Hero township, where he died in 1911, his wife dying there in 1881. There were seven children in the family, four of whom are now living. Milton, of Redwood county; Jesse, of Walnut Grove; Bessie, widow of Randolph, and Eva, who is Mrs. Fred Walker, of North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Randolph's children were: Clara, born May 13, 1896, who died June 22, 1913; Lillian, born October 11, 1897; Earl, born November 9, 1900; Mary, born May 6, 1903; Kenneth, born August 27, 1906; Le Roy, born September 22, 1908, and Clifford, born January 9, 1911. The family faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Victor E. Olson, an enterprising young farmer of North Hero township, was born November 18, 1893, on the farm which he now owns, in section 4, North Hero township. He is the son of Louis and Ingrid (Johnson) Olson. The father was born January 5, 1848, at Wase Parish, Vermland, Sweden, and in 1869 came to America, locating at Carver, Minn. In 1873 he moved to Redwood county, and homesteaded the place in section 4, North Hero township now owned by his son Victor. He and his wife were married April 11, 1877, and his first residence here was a dugout. After a while he built a small frame house and in 1882, the present residence. A Republican in politics, for several years he served as a member of the school board of district No. 19. He died March 12, 1915, revered and respected by his friends and neighbors. He had two sisters, Augusta Westin, of Sweden, and Christina Olson, a step-sister, now Mrs. John Larson, of Tracy, Minn. His wife was born December 12, 1857, and came to America in 1872 with her mother, brother and sister. Her father, Henry Johnson, had come in 1870 and settled at Carver, Minn. In 1873 he moved to Redwood county and here he died in 1911. Mrs. Olson died September 6, 1913. There were seven children in the family: Amanda, now Mrs. John Pierson, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Hattie, wife of Albert Carlson, of Redwood county; John, of Springbrook, North Dakota; Carl, of Rhame, North Dakota; Victor E.; Lillian and Leonard. Victor E. has charge of the farm with his brother Leonard. He attended the country school of his neighborhood and subsequently Minnesota College at Minneapolis, being graduated in 1911. He then spent a year and a half in the agricultural school at St. Paul,

Minn. In the spring of 1914 Mr. Olson returned to the farm, and has since devoted his time to making it one of the best improved pieces of agricultural property in the district. He has good buildings, and has erected a silo of a hundred-ton capacity. He raises Holstein cattle and is contemplating entering the dairy industry. He markets about 50 head of Duroc Jersey swine every year.

Otto Kostner, a modern farmer of North Hero township, was born January 17, 1877, in Lamberton township, this county. In 1908 he bought his present farm of 160 acres in section 13, North Hero township, from his father. Some improvements had already been made and Mr. Kostner continued to improve the property, erecting a comfortable dwelling house, commodious barns and good farm buildings. He raises some grain, and has a fine grove of maple trees and an orchard of apple trees and small fruit. As a stockman, he makes a specialty of raising Duroc Jersey swine, Shorthorn cattle and Percheron horses. In politics Mr. Kostner is independent. He is stockholder in the Farmers' Elevator Company of Revere. Mr. Kostner was married December 16, 1908, to Annie Steinke, who was born July 26, 1888, in Waseca county, Minn., daughter of Albert and Amelia (Piper) Steinke, both parents now living in Waseca county. There were six children in the family: Frank; Ida, wife of August Kostner; Annie; William; Louise, now Mrs. Hugo Prail, of Waseca county, Minnesota, and Carl. Mr. and Mrs. Kostner have one child: Dorothy, born January 6, 1910. Mr. Kostner is a member of the German Lutheran church of Lamberton.

William J. Thompson, of Walnut Grove, who is engaged in concrete block and cement work, was born September 30, 1866, in Dover Center, Olmsted county, Minn., son of William and Mary (Hardwick) Thompson, natives of Ireland and England respectively. His father came to America in 1830 and settled in Olmsted county, Minnesota, where he homesteaded 160 acres of land. Both parents are now living at St. Charles, Minn. Mr. Thompson, Sr., is a Republican and was very active in local politics in Olmsted county, where he still owns a homestead. There were 12 children in the family: Robert, now deceased; Minnie, wife of E. E. Nichols, of Redwood county; William J.; Florence, now Mrs. Wm. Parson, of St. Charles, Minn.; Mary, who married Charles Betry, and resides in Kansas; Alfred, of Alexandria, Minn.; Hiram, of Clay county, Minn.; Lucy, now Mrs. Batenhouser, of Sherburne county, Minn.; Mabel, who married Herman Loucks, of Arkansas; Garfield, deceased, and one who died young. With the exception of one year William J. Thompson lived on his father's farm until 1893, when he moved to Walnut Grove and rented 120 acres in the vicinity for two years. Then he bought 160 acres of farm land in Springdale township and



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lived there until 1910, when he returned to Walnut Grove. In 1915 he engaged in concrete block and cement work with Ole Seether as partner. He still owns the farm which he rents out and also 160 acres more in the same township. He has a seven-room modern house in Walnut Grove. On the home farm he has a seven-room house, good barns and other farm buildings, a fine grove of maples and a small orchard. On the average he has an acreage of 70 acres of corn, 50 of oats, 50 of wheat, 40 of barley, 25 of rye and 18 of flax. He used to raise swine for the market, shipping several carloads every year. Mr. Thompson is director of the First State Bank of Walnut Grove and stockholder in the Farmers' Elevator at Tracy Minn. In politics he is independent. He was a member of the Springfield township board in 1903 and chairman from 1908 to 1910. Since 1912 he has been marshal of Walnut Grove and a member of the school board. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge of Walnut Grove. Mr. Thompson was married October 20, 1896, to Frances A. Quigley, who was born May 11, 1872, at Springfield, Ill., daughter of Richard and Annie (Furlong) Quigley, the parents being natives of Ireland, who came to America as young people. Mr. Quigley farmed in New Jersey for several years and then went to Illinois from which state he moved in 1882, coming to Redwood county, Minn., and buying a farm in Springdale township, where he died December 17, 1886. His wife died June 8, 1914, at Mankato, Minn. There were five children in the family: Mary, deceased; Ellen, deceased; Annie, now Mrs. A. L. Morrison, of Mankato, Minn.; Frances; and Thomas, who lives on the home farm. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have the following children: Frances, born December 8, 1900; Phillip, February 10, 1903; Robert, February 1, 1905; Mary, August 12, 1906; Gertrude, June 4, 1910; Richard, August 31, 1912; and Daniel, September 18, 1911.

Edward A. Schwarm, of the firm of Schwarm & Wiggins, dealers in men's furnishings and clothing, at Walnut Grove, was born May 17, 1889, at Minneapolis, Minn.; son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schwarm. In 1892 he accompanied his mother, who was then a widow, to Springfield, Minn., and there he finished his common and high school education. He then took a book-keeping course at the Minneapolis Business College. He had two brothers, Charles, now a baker, at Walnut Grove, and August, a farmer of Brown county. Edward was employed as a clerk in Springfield and Minneapolis until 1911, when he came to Walnut Grove and clerked three years. In 1914, in partnership with J. P. Olson, he bought a general store, which they owned together until February, 1915, when Mr. Schwarm sold his interest to Mr. Olson, and started his present business with an entirely new stock. December 1, 1915, he took Clarence

Wiggins as a partner. He is a stockholder and auditor of the Walnut Grove Building and Loan Association. In politics he is independent. Mr. Schwarm was married February 18, 1914, to L. Adell Harwood, who was born October 8, 1885, at Walnut Grove, daughter of William B. and May E. (Cox) Harwood. Her father is a retired farmer and prominent citizen, living at Walnut Grove. There were three children in the family: L. Adell, Belva and Frank. Mr. and Mrs. Schwarm have one child, Robert, born August 7, 1915.

Theodore W. Prail, a prominent dentist of Walnut Grove, was born January 14, 1892, in Waseca county, Minnesota, son of William and Augusta M. (Tash) Prail, natives of Germany. His parents emigrated to America when they were young people and settled in Waseca county, Minnesota. The father was a farmer until recently, when he retired and took up his residence in Janesville with his wife. They have eight children: Fred, a farmer of Redwood county; Lena, now Mrs. Emil Dimmel, of Janesville, Minn.; William, of Alma City, Minn.; Herman, of Waseca county, Minnesota; Ella, who married William Dundei, of Waseca county, Minnesota; Arthur, residing in the same county; Theodore W.,; and Emma, who is a school teacher. Theodore W. Prail received his early education in the common school and completed his studies in the Janesville high school in 1911. He then attended the Minnesota University, taking a dental course in 1912. Going to Northwestern College at Chicago, he continued his work during the terms of 1913 and 1914, and was given the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. In 1914 he located in Walnut Grove and has since built up a flourishing practice here. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M. and the I. O. O. F. lodges, at Walnut Grove, and of the M. W. A. Mr. Prail was married June 16, 1915, to Frances Danielson, who was born December 21, 1892, a daughter of Joseph Danielson. The family are members of the German Lutheran church.

Mathias J. Turbes, proprietor of a general merchandise store at Walnut Grove, was born March 31, 1885, in Redwood county, this state, son of Christian and Anna (Ross) Turbes, natives of Germany. The father was born June 1, 1854, and came to America with his parents at an early age, they first settling near New Ulm. In 1878 he moved to Redwood county, where he bought land in section 16, Willow Lake township, and now owns 240 acres. Mathias J. Turbes took a course at the Mankato Commercial College in 1908 and was employed by the Western Elevator Company at Wanda for three years. Then he was with O. C. Kuehn at Wanda, for two years, in the general merchandise business. In the fall of 1914 he bought the stock of Fossum and Hallum, merchants, of Walnut Grove, where he has since resided and where he enjoys a good business patronage.



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Mr. Turbes was married November 9, 1914, to Lydia Yackel, who was born August 10, 1891, at Lamberton, Minn., daughter of John and Sophia (Wagner) Yackel, both natives of Germany. Her father, born June 7, 1863, and her mother, October 12, 1867, now live on the farm in Lamberton township. There were the following children in the family: Anna (Mrs. W. J. Lang, of Vesta, Minn.); Ida (Mrs. Lee Huelett, of Lohrville, Iowa); Lydia; Erna (Mrs. Henry Zorn, of Vesta, Minn.); Alma, a teacher; Leonard, Martin, John, Henry Edward and Louise, residing at home, and Lawrence, deceased. The family faith is that of the Roman Catholic church.

Christian Turbes, an industrious farmer of Willow Lake township, was born in Prussia, Germany, June 1, 1854, son of Hubert and Anna (Groshan) Turbes. In 1857 Hubert and his family emigrated to the United States, the voyage across the ocean by sailing vessel, taking 32 days. From New York they journeyed to St. Paul by train, then up the Minnesota river to St. Peter, and then by team to New Ulm. There were seven children in the family: John, Peter, Christian, Mary, Anna M., Magdalena and Gertrude, the eldest being 14 years of age. They arrived in New Ulm about May and the father died in June of that same year. The mother subsequently married Mat. Hillesheim and the family then located in the township of Sigel, Brown county. Here Christian received his early education in the district log school and grew to manhood. At the time of the Indian massacre, the family moved to St. Peter. In 1878 Christian Turbes secured a tract of 160 acres of wild school land in section 16, Willow Lake township, Redwood county. Here he built a board shanty, 14 by 18 feet, and began farming with a horse team. In time he improved his farm, set out a grove, and built a good substantial house and barn. He now owns half a section and carries on diversified farming, raising a good breed of stock. Independent in politics he served as chairman of the township board for many years, and also served 12 years on the school board of district No. 94. He was a member of the creamery of Sundown and New Avon townships, when it was in operation; is a director and stockholder in the State Bank of Wanda and a stockholder in the Wanda Creamery. Mr. Turbes was married in 1881 to Anna Ross, who was born in Germany, March 21, 1852, and who came to America in 1868, with her parents, Hubert and Anna (Mary) Ross, they locating in Sigel township, Brown county, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Turbes have had ten children: John P., a carpenter of Willow Lake township; Hubert H., subject of this sketch; Mathias J., who is in the general hardware business at Walnut Grove; Anna M., now Mrs. Mathias Jenniges of Willow Lake township; George H.; Gertrude R.; Nicholas C.; Mary (died June 30, 1901); Christian W. and Magdalena B., all resid-

ing on the home farm. The family is affiliated religiously with the Catholic church.

Hubert H. Turbes, a well known clothier of Wabasso, was born February 8, 1884, in Willow Lake township, Redwood county, this state, son of Christian and Anna (Ross) Turbes. Christian Turbes was born June 1, 1854, in Germany, and came to America in 1857, locating in Sigel township, Brown county, with his parents. His father died the same year and his mother married Mathias Hillesheim. Christian lived at home and worked as a farm hand until late in the seventies, when he bought land in section 16, Willow Lake township, Redwood county. He married Anna Ross, a native of Germany, whose father, Hubert Ross, born in Germany in 1825, came to America in 1868, locating in Brown county, Minnesota. There he bought land and resided until his death in 1896. Hubert Turbes remained at home until he was 20 years of age. During the winters of 1904 and 1905 he attended the common school of his neighborhood and the Mankato Commercial College. In the spring of 1905 he entered the employ of George Goblirsch, a dealer in general merchandise, as bookkeeper and clerk. After six years he entered the employ of the Nelson & Riedl Clothing Co., of Wabasso, and worked for them until 1914. He then bought their stock and has continued the business for himself, also adding a shoe department. He is also a stockholder in the Redwood County Telephone Co. and a member of the Commercial Club. He served as village recorder one year and is the present secretary of the fire department. Fraternally Mr. Turbes is affiliated with the St. George Society, the C. O. F. and the E. F. U. Mr. Turbes was married November 25, 1913, to Madlyne B. Schmitz, who was born March 11, 1893, in Hastings, Minn., daughter of Bernard J. and Anna (Schmit) Schmitz. Mr. Schmitz was born in 1870, in Holy Cross, Wis. Mr. and Mrs. Turbes have one child, Veronica A., born April 12, 1915.

Fred W. Zaske, a prosperous farmer of Morgan township, was born in Eden township, Brown county, Minnesota, December 8, 1874, son of John and Albertina (Timm) Zaske. The father was born in Germany and came to America in 1871, locating in Eden township, Brown county, where he farmed until his death in 1894 at the age of 45 years. He and his wife were married in 1873 in Brown county. Eleven children were born of this union, six sons and five daughters, Fred W. being the eldest. Fred W. Zaske grew up on the farm and after his father's death took charge of the place. In 1899 he bought 160 acres in section 16, Morgan township, Redwood county, where he now lives. He built a house of seven rooms and from time to time erected other buildings. In 1907 he built a barn, 38 by 60 feet, and in 1914 a silo with a capacity of 105 tons. On his farm he has made

many improvements and now owns 240 acres, having two acres set out in fruit and 50 acres in clover and timothy. He raises Shorthorn cattle and carries on dairying. Mr. Zaske has served as township clerk since 1901. He is a director of the Farmers' Elevator Company and of the creamery. He is a member of the Equitable Fraternal Union. Mr. Zaske was married July 6, 1899, to Bertha Sandmann, who was born November 22, 1874, daughter of William Sandmann, a farmer of Brown county, and his wife, Augusta (Blumerisch) Sandmann. Mr. and Mrs. Zaske have four children: Leona, born May 25, 1900; Harold, February 12, 1903; Wilhelm, February 8, 1906; and Wallace, March 4, 1910.

Paul R. Petrick, a well known farmer of Morgan township, was born in Germany, January 29, 1869, son of Adam Petrick, a farmer who died in Germany at the age of 75 years, and his wife, Louisa (Schram) Petrick. Paul R. Petrick came to America in 1885, locating in Brown county, Minnesota, and working as a carpenter for five years. Then in 1890 he bought 80 acres of prairie land in section 4, Morgan township, Redwood county, where he now lives. He has developed and improved his farm and made additions to his land as his means permitted until he now owns 120 acres. All the buildings were erected by him. He served on the township board for three years, and was also director of school district No. 99 for 15 years. He is a member of the German Methodist Episcopal church, holding the offices of trustee and treasurer. March 3, 1891, Mr. Petrick was married to Mary Hagen, daughter of Conrad and Ernstina (Sasse) Hagen, farmers of Blue Earth county. She died in 1893 at the age of 30 years, and he married secondly, April 13, 1894, to Lena Imberg, who was born August 3, 1872, daughter of August and Louisa (Dircks) Imberg. Her mother died in 1906, at the age of seventy, and the father lives with Mr. Petrick. By his second marriage Mr. Petrick has had five children: Ella, born February 10, 1895; Elmer, October 4, 1896; Harry, October 26, 1898; Martha, January 15, 1905, and Milton, May 28, 1908.

Arthur R. Nichols, proprietor of a garage at Revere, was born August 16, 1876, at Revere, Brown county, Kansas, son of John T. and Lucinda (Miller) Nichols. Both parents were born in Pennsylvania in 1835. The father who had moved to Iowa in 1850 and later to Kansas, died in 1903; the mother died in 1877. There were seven children in the family: Clara B., now Mrs. J. C. Bartlett, of Dixon, Minn.; Mary, wife of L. M. Wine, of Lowpoint, Ill.; Ira, of Iowa Falls, Iowa; Frank, of Franklin, Ill.; Arthur R.; Belle, who married D. K. Wine, of Missouri, and Mabel, now Mrs. Walker Manahan, of Franklin, Ill. In 1898 Arthur R. Nichols came to Redwood Falls township, Redwood county, Minnesota, and for two years worked on the farm of

T. D. Lyman. Then in 1900 he went to North Hero township, and he rented the farm of Mrs. T. A. Anderson, who later became his mother-in-law. Three years later he rented the farm of W. Parker in Delhi township, for two years. In 1905 he returned to the Anderson farm in North Hero and in 1913 purchased it from Mrs. Anderson. Selling that farm in 1914 he bought 160 acres in section 12, North Hero township. The following year he moved to Revere and bought the garage, and livery business, which he is now conducting. Mr. Nichols was united in marriage August 21, 1900, to Julia Anderson, who was born May 20, 1883, in North Hero township, and died April 29, 1915. Her parents were Thomas and Caroline (Jacobs) Anderson. The father, born in Norway in 1855, came to Wisconsin with his parents in 1864 and to Minnesota in 1876. In 1878 he homesteaded 160 acres in section 10, North Hero township, Redwood county, and later bought 320 acres in section 15, all of it being raw land. After farming a number of years and making many improvements he retired to Walnut Grove, Minn., where he is still living. There were six children in the Anderson family: John C., of Walnut Grove; Minnie, who married B. M. Knight; Lottie, wife of William C. Belemy, of South Dakota; Julia, who married Mr. Nichols; Fred, residing in Montana; and Belle, who married John McKinnon, of North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols have two children: Jessie, born August 18, 1903, and Florence, born February 15, 1913.

William A. Masters, justice of the peace of Walnut Grove, was born August 23, 1855, in Hornby, New York, son of William J. and Emiline (Hurley) Masters. The father was born June 16, 1829, in New York state, and died September 24, 1914, at Walnut Grove, Minn. The mother was born in 1831, in New York state, and died August 24, 1883, at Walnut Grove. William J. Masters went to Winneshiek county, Iowa, in 1857, and farmed there until 1875, when he moved to Redwood county, Minnesota, and settled at Walnut Grove. Here he was engaged in the general merchandise business with his son, William A., under the name of W. J. Masters & Son, from 1877 to 1882. They also bought and sold farm lands, holding and working many of them. In 1887 William A. Masters engaged in a wood and coal business at Walnut Grove. This he sold in 1903 and opened a bowling alley and later started a rink which he now operates in winter. In summer he farms 70 acres of land adjoining Walnut Grove. At one time William A. Masters and his father owned over 1,600 acres in Redwood and Murray counties. Besides William A. there were two other children, both now dead, Eugene and Mary E. William A. is a staunch Democrat and has held several positions of public trust. For ten years he was recorder of the village of Walnut Grove; for four years a member of the



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village council, and for two years, assessor. He is now serving as justice of the peace. He and his father are members of the Masonic lodge, William A. having been the first member of the Walnut Grove lodge and serving as junior warden for ten years. Mr. Masters was married February 19, 1876, to Nancy Holt, of Burr Oak, Iowa, who was born in England, November 16, 1855, and went with her parents at an early age to Iowa, where her father engaged in farming. Both parents are now deceased. There were eight children in the Holt family: Robert, Mary, Anna, Nancy, Ellen, John, William and Drucellia. Mr. and Mrs. Masters have two children: May E., born May 29, 1877, now Mrs. John Doig, of Walnut Grove and Orabelle, born July 15, 1881, now Mrs. Henry Norton, of Walnut Grove. Mary has one child, Gerald, born February 2, 1899.

Willis J. McDonald, cashier of the Walnut Grove State Bank, was born March 16, 1870, in Blue Earth, Minn., son of James and Sarah (Blanchard) McDonald. James McDonald was born in New York, May 16, 1832, and died May 15, 1882, in Blue Earth; his wife, born in Maine, February 29, 1840, died July 12, 1904, in Blue Earth. James was a tailor and sailor in early life, but for several years before his death was engaged in farming near Blue Earth, Minn. There were five children in the family: Charles N., of Raymond, South Dakota; Clarence P., of McGregor, Minn.; Willis J.; Henry T., of Harpers Ferry, West Va.; and Walter R., of Benchland, Mont. Willis J. McDonald completed his high school education in Blue Earth in 1887 and then worked on his father's farm until 21 years of age. He was station agent at various points on the Chicago and North Western railway, and after seven years of service went to Walnut Grove, where he was associated with A. Swoffer in the grain business from 1898 to 1910. January 1, 1900, he was elected cashier of the Walnut Grove State Bank. He is also secretary of the Walnut Grove Building and Loan Association, and is interested in the Corn Belt Land Company of Walnut Grove. A Republican in politics, Mr. McDonald has served as president of the village council, as village recorder, as president of the school board for fifteen years, and is now treasurer of the school board. He is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. McDonald was married March 3, 1897, to Belle Stewart, who was born April 16, 1870, daughter of Donald and Catherine (Watson) Stewart. He and his wife have three children: Kenneth J., born January 16, 1899; Willis S., born August 17, 1901, and Malcolm B., born May 14, 1905. The family faith is that of the Congregational church.

Eleck O. Nelson, a farmer and stock buyer of Walnut Grove, was born in Norway, September 29, 1846, son of Christopher and Martha (Eleck) Nelson. The father, born in Norway, died in

that country, in 1850. The mother was also born in Norway, and died in 1885, in Allamakee county, Iowa. They had four children: Betsy, now Mrs. Peter Johnsen, of Walnut Grove; Nels C., of Spring Grove, Minn.; Eleck C.; and Ranel, who is deceased. Eleck C. Nelson came to America in 1866, his mother coming a year later, June 10, 1870. He homesteaded 160 acres of land in North Hero township, Redwood county, Minnesota, being the first settler in the township. He broke up and improved his land and when he sold his holdings in 1892 had accumulated 333 acres. He then moved to Walnut Grove and bought 80 acres adjoining the town, where he has lived and farmed ever since. He is also an extensive stock buyer and dealer, shipping to St. Paul and Chicago about fifty carloads of cattle every year. In politics he is a Republican, and has held various positions of trust. For 15 years he was supervisor of the North Hero township; for ten years a member of the village board of Walnut Grove; and for four years mayor of Walnut Grove. Mr. Nelson was married September 15, 1871, to Olena Olson, who was born in Norway, June 24, 1852, daughter of Ole Nesa and Aasa (Olson) Nesa. Her father died in Norway and she accompanied her mother to America in 1852, the year of her birth. They settled in Fillmore county, Minnesota, and resided there until 1872. The mother then made her home with Olena until her death. There were four children in the family, but Olena is the only one now living. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have had the following children: Anna C., now deceased; Mary, now Mrs. L. T. Ellefson, of Walnut Grove, who has seven children and one grandchild; Fred, who resides in North Dakota; Albert, deceased; Samuel, residing at home, who married and has one child; Julia, now Mrs. George Sulky, of Walnut Grove, who has two children; and Hjelmer, residing at home. The family attends religious services at the Norwegian Lutheran church.

Daniel A. Malloy, proprietor of a well-known grocery store in Walnut Grove, Minn., was born in this place, May 17, 1883, son of James and Effie (Way) Malloy. The parents, who were natives of Ohio and Canada, respectively, in 1887 moved from Redwood county to Marion county, Oregon, where they farmed for some years and then sold. The mother returned to Walnut Grove in 1890, the father going to Washington, where he died. The former was later married to Fred C. Swoffer and after his death to George Stevens, and they live on a farm in Murray county, Minnesota. Daniel A. Malloy helped Mr. Swoffer in the grocery business until the latter's death in 1906, after which he operated the store for his mother for three years. She then sold the property and he was appointed postmaster of Walnut Grove, January 1, 1907, holding office until February 1, 1915. In March, 1915, he purchased his present business. He is a

Republican in politics. Fraternally he is affiliated with the I. O. O. F., having held all the chairs, and with the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Malloy was married June 26, 1906, to Josephine Larson, who was born November 30, 1886, in Redwood county, Minnesota, daughter of James A. and Johanna (Halverson) Larson. Mr. and Mrs. Malloy have had three children, of whom two are living: Frederick, born January 27, 1908; Raymond, born September 14, 1909; and Helen, born November 18, 1914, who died October 24, 1915. The family faith is that of the Congregational church.

Adolph H. Kemper, cashier of the First State Bank of Walnut Grove, was born in Grant county, Wisconsin, September 6, 1880, son of Frederick and Louisa (Bald) Kemper. Frederick Kemper, who was born in Prussia, Germany, April 9, 1837, has now retired from farming and lives with his children. His wife was born in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1847, and died in Wisconsin, November 2, 1890. There were seven children in the family: William F., of Alberta, Canada; Alvina, now Mrs. L. Kehle, of Waverly, Iowa; George L., of Aberdeen, South Dakota; Adolph; Clara, deceased; Fred, deceased; and Edward, of Aberdeen, South Dakota. Adolph H. Kemper attended the common school and the Brown Business College at Davenport, Iowa, in 1904 returning to his father's farm in Wisconsin. Four years later he entered the employ of the Security Savings Bank of Davenport, Iowa, and six months after that became cashier of the German Savings Bank of Eldridge, Iowa. February 1, 1910, he came to Walnut Grove, Minn., and became vice president of the First State Bank, a year later being elected cashier. He is a Republican and served as village councilman one year. Mr. Kemper was married, June 1, 1910, to Pearl Pettit, who was born May 7, 1889, only child of Frank and Aurah (Monroe) Pettit, natives of Michigan state. Her parents first moved to Wisconsin and later, in 1914, came to Walnut Grove. Mr. and Mrs. Kemper have three children: Carlos E., born April 7, 1911; Evelyn E., born July 30, 1912, and Ardys E., born August 4, 1914. The family faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Martin Jacobs, a retired farmer of Walnut Grove, was born in Christiania, Norway, June 4, 1843, son of Jacob Olson and Anna Olson. His father died in 1852 in Lafayette county, Wisconsin, and his mother in 1883. The family lived in Wisconsin for 25 years. There were five children: Mary, now deceased; Martin, subject of this sketch; Caroline, now Mrs. Thomas Anderson of Walnut Grove; Carrie, who married Thomas Greenwood, of Warren, Ill., and Marie (Mrs. Benjamin Chase, deceased). Martin Jacobs went to Albert Lea, Minn., in 1876, and a year later came to Redwood county, where he homesteaded 160 acres of land in section 6, North Hero township. At first he

lived in a dugout, but after a time built a good substantial farm house and buildings. He broke the land with oxen and made many improvements, carrying on general farming and stockraising. In 1911 he sold this farm and moved to Walnut Grove, where he now makes his home. April 22, 1861, Mr. Jacobs enlisted in the Third Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, was mustered in at Fond du Lac, Wis., and assigned to the army of the Potomac, with which he remained for two years and six months. At different times he served under Generals McClellan, Burnside, Hooker and Meade. Some of the principal battles in which he took part were: Bolivar Heights, 1861; Winchester, 1862; Cedar Mountain, 1862; Second Battle of Bull Run, 1862; Antietam, September, 1862; Chancellerville, 1863; and Gettysburg, 1863. He was wounded in the left hand at the battle of Chancellerville. In the fall of 1863 he was transferred to the western army and served under General Sherman in Tennessee, was in the Battle at Resaca, Ga., and took part in the famous march to the sea. He was wounded again in the neck and shoulder at the battle of Dallas, Ga., in 1864. July 18, 1865, he was mustered out at Louisville, Ky. He is a Republican politically and served on the North Hero township board four years and on the school board two years. Mr. Jacobs was married November 18, 1871, to Belle Halverson, who was born October 24, 1848, in Norway, and came to America in 1869, where her parents later joined her, coming to Walnut Grove. Her father was born February 19, 1820, and died May 29, 1889, and her mother, born August 4, 1822, died November 22, 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs have the following children: Amanda, born February 11, 1873; John H., July 16, 1875; Emma, December 31, 1879, and Alma, February 13, 1885. Amanda married Harl Wiggins of Walnut Grove and they have three children: Elmer, born June 23, 1894; Myron A., born February 24, 1898, and Harry, born September 22, 1900. John married, February 3, 1913, Emily Forrester, and they have two children: Lloyd W., born May 20, 1914, and Anna Belle, born April 14, 1916. Emma, married October 3, 1896, to Bert Edison, has four children: Clarence M., born January 29, 1899; Alice I., born December 6, 1900; Luella, born in January, 1905, and Everett C., born April 21, 1912. Alma was married December 24, 1906, to Arthur T. Betts and has two children: Bernetta I., born November 26, 1910, and Bernard J., born December 27, 1913. The family faith is that of the Norwegian Lutheran church.

Otto B. Dahlgren, proprietor of a general merchandise store at Walnut Grove, was born April 10, 1883, at Hastings, Minn., son of Charles L. and Charlotte (Anderson) Dahlgren, natives of Sweden. Charles L. was born in 1848 and still lives on his farm in Gale township, this county. He came to Minnesota at the age of twenty-one years, settling first in St. Paul, where he

was employed by a railway company, and then moving to Hastings, coming to Redwood county four or five years later. He bought 80 acres of land, to which he later made additions so that now he has 320 acres in Gale township. His wife was born in 1846 and died in 1913. There were three children in the family: Martin V., of Canada; Otto B., and Albert, who lives on his father's farm. The family faith is that of the Swedish Lutheran church. Otto B. Dahlgren was graduated from the Mankato Commercial College in 1907 and became assistant cashier of Walnut Grove State Bank, where he remained five years. He resigned that position to enter the general merchandise business, which he now conducts. A Republican in politics, he has served as president of the village council since 1913 and was village recorder from 1910 to 1913. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masons, having passed all the chairs of the Blue lodge, and also with the Odd Fellows. Mr. Dahlgren was married on Thanksgiving day, 1908, to Hannah J. Lund, who was born July 10, 1884, daughter of Charles and Charlotte (Swenson) Lund. Her parents were natives of Sweden, who settled in Carver county, Minnesota, and are now both living at Walnut Grove, having retired from farming. Mr. and Mrs. Dahlgren have one child: Elaine Charlotte, born December 21, 1909.

James McGinn, a substantial farmer of North Hero township, was born August 3, 1848, in Wisconsin, son of Henry and Jane (McCrey) McGinn, natives of county Tyrone, Ireland. The parents coming to America as young people, when single, met each other and were married in Wisconsin. There Henry McGinn worked in the lead mines and after several years went to Dubuque, Iowa, where he was engaged in farming until 1858. Then he settled in Wabasha county, Minnesota, buying 160 acres of land, which he farmed until his death, March 1, 1875. His wife died there in March 1896. They had ten children, of whom seven are now living: James, Patrick, Michael, Margaret, Mathew, Mary and Peter. In 1898 the home place was sold and James moved to Redwood county, where he bought 160 acres of wild prairie land in section 21, North Hero township. On this he has made many improvements and erected good buildings, having also a large grove of cottonwood and box elder trees. Besides raising some grain, he keeps Shorthorn cattle, Duroc Jersey swine and Percheron horses. In politics a Democrat, he served as county commissioner of Wabasha county four years, was a member of the North Hero township board two years, and was treasurer of the school board of Wabasha county thirty years. He is the present assessor of North Hero township, having served for the past two years. Fraternally he is identified with the A. O. U. W. lodge of Walnut Grove. Mr. McGinn was married June 2, 1872, to Sarah McCullough, who was born near Balti-

more, Maryland, daughter of James and Sarah (McCown) McCullough. James McCullough removed to New York City and in 1860 to Wabasha county, Minnesota, where he died in 1887; his wife died in New York. Mr. and Mrs. McGinn have ten children: Sarah, residing in Wabasha county, who was the wife of A. J. Cosgrove, now deceased, and has eleven children; James H., a grain buyer residing in Walnut Grove, who has three children; Mary E., now Mrs. Milan J. Wiggins, of North Hero township, and the mother of two children; George F., residing at home; Rose F., deceased, who was the wife of A. E. Polson and had one child; Agnes R.; Thomas M.; Margaret; John D., telephone official at Lamberton, and William. The family faith is that of the Catholic church.

Charles Hanson, a retired farmer of Walnut Grove, was born August 13, 1860, in Christiania, Norway, son of Hans and Maren (Olson) Hanson. The father was born February, 1824, and died in 1881 in North Hero township, this county, the mother was born January 26, 1824, and died January 25, 1889. Charles Hanson came to America with his parents in 1868, locating in Chicago, Ill., where they lived seven years. In 1874 they moved to Waterbury township, Redwood county, where Hans Hanson took a homestead of 160 acres and engaged in farming with one yoke of oxen. In the fall of 1881 he sold this farm and took a timber claim of 160 acres in North Hero township, which his son Charles now owns. Hans Hanson was a Republican and served several years on the North Hero township board. He and his wife had ten children: Mary, Carrie, Louise, one that died unnamed in infancy, Carrie, John, Lena, Charles, Nicholas and Anton. All are now deceased except John, who resides in Lyon county, Minnesota, and Charles. Nicholas died in 1881 and Anton in 1868. Charles Hanson took charge of the home farm, which he inherited from his father. In 1912, after many years of industry, he retired from farming and moved to Walnut Grove. His son Carl now operates the farm. Mr. Hanson is a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company and the Rural Telephone Company of Walnut Grove. A Republican in politics, he served on the North Hero township board one year; was assessor of North Hero township for eighteen years and clerk of school board of district No. 19 for eighteen years. He is a member of and active worker in the camp of the Modern Woodmen of America at Walnut Grove. Mr. Hanson was married July 12, 1884, to Helen Halvorson, who was born July 11, 1866, in Norway. This union has been blessed with seven children: Henry, born April 22, 1885, who died October 11, 1909; Minnie, born April 17, 1887; Carl Edward, April 5, 1890; Alfred, August 6, 1893; Lottie, March 11, 1899; Martin, February 14, 1904, and Harvey, May 15, 1910. Minnie married Hector McKenzie, April 16, 1909, at Morgan, Minn., and



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they have two children: Donald, born January 9, 1910, and Kenneth, born November 15, 1914. Carl Edward married Jennie Olson, January 29, 1912, and they had one child, Lucille, born November 25, 1912, who died October 17, 1913. Mrs. Charles Hanson was the daughter of Halvor Paulson and Maren (Olson) Paulson. Her father died June 18, 1889, and her mother in November, 1899. There were nine children in the family: Caroline, now Mrs. Nils Nilson, living in Norway; Belle, who is Mrs. Martin Jacobs, of Walnut Grove; Ole, of Maddock, N. D.; Petra, now Mrs. John Johnson of Webster, S. D.; Mary, now Mrs. Gustav Gulbrandson, of Norway; Helen (first) deceased; Johanna, who married James A. Larson of St. Paul, and Helen, now Mrs. Charles Hanson of Walnut Grove. The family worship at the Congregational Church of Walnut Grove.

Lawrence Holton, a highly respected citizen of Sheridan township, was born December 29, 1840, in Longford county, Ireland, son of Charles and Bridget (Reynolds) Holton. The father, born in 1804, died in 1879 in Sheridan township; his wife, Bridget, born in 1814, died in 1897. The parents came to America in 1850 and lived in Wisconsin for fifteen years. In the spring of 1868 they came to Redwood county and took up a claim of 160 acres in section 12, Sheridan township. There they built a log cabin, in which they were still living at the time of Mr. Holton's death. There were eight children in the family, of whom four are living: Lawrence, Charles, Michael and Elizabeth, now Mrs. Thos. Kirby of Sheridan township. Lawrence Holton completed his education in Wisconsin and when he came to Redwood county with his parents took up a claim of 160 acres in section 14, which is now part of Sheridan township. During succeeding years he built a frame house and made many other improvements. He still owns the original tract of 160 acres and has added to it from time to time until he now owns 560 acres. Actively engaged in farming until 1903, he then retired and spent some time in traveling over the United States, visiting many of the larger cities and finally returning to his home, where he lives quietly with his daughter Catherine, who keeps house for him. Mr. Holton is said to be the oldest settler now living in Sheridan township. He was active in its organization and was instrumental in having it named Sheridan, in honor of Gen. P. H. Sheridan, of Civil war fame. In politics Mr. Holton is a Democrat and has held several local offices. He is a member of the Catholic church. Mr. Holton was married, October 1, 1871, to Annie McDonnaugh, who was born in Ireland and died August 3, 1872. He was married, secondly, January 15, 1873, to Mary Davey, who was born in Ireland in 1847 and came with her widowed mother to this country in 1865, they locating in Rhode Island, where Mr. Holton met and married her. Her father had died in Ireland and her mother subse-

quently died in Rhode Island. Mrs. Mary Holton died October 4, 1903. Mr. Holton has had the following children: Elizabeth, now Mrs. J. A. Jackson of Redwood Falls; Anna, now Mrs. M. J. Mullen of St. Paul; Catherine, a school teacher who lives at home; Agnes, who lives with her sister Anna at St. Paul; Josephine, residing at St. Paul; Bridget B., deceased, and Michael, deceased. Catherine graduated from the St. Joseph's Academy at St. Paul in 1899 and from the Mankato State Normal school in 1903. She taught in district No. 193, Sheridan township, two years, and one year in Jackson county, and was then principal of the Seaforth schools for four years. The next two years were spent by her in district No. 12, Sheridan township, and the following two years in district No. 11 in the same township.

James Longbottom, a retired farmer of Seaforth, was born in Ontario, Canada, December 3, 1857, son of James and Ann (Adamson) Longbottom. James Longbottom, the father, was born in Leeds, England, February 1, 1819, and died August 18, 1904. He was a contractor and builder and came to America in 1844, locating in Ontario, where he lived until 1869. Then coming to Redwood county, Minnesota, he homesteaded 160 acres of land in section 8, Vail township, in which he was the second white settler. He built the first house in the Watson addition to Redwood Falls in 1869, and the Delhi mill in 1871. His wife, Ann Adamson Longbottom, was born in Leeds, England, in 1825 and died in June, 1889. Her marriage to Mr. Longbottom, which took place in 1844, resulted in ten children, three sons and seven daughters. James Longbottom remained at home until twenty-two years of age and then, in 1879, bought 160 acres in section 6, Vail township. After living there until 1898, he sold his farm and bought 160 acres in section 8, Vail township, which he still owns. In 1910 he moved to Seaforth. He has served on the township board one year, was assessor one year and treasurer of the school board of district No. 65 for five years. He was also mayor of Seaforth one year, served on the council three years and was marshal two years. Fraternally he is affiliated with the I. O. O. F., of which he is noble grand, and has held all the chairs in the A. O. U. W. Mr. Longbottom was married September 23, 1880, to Itasca Bundy, who was born November 26, 1858, daughter of Chauncey and Eliza (Fay) Bundy. Chauncey Bundy, who was born November 9, 1820, and died in 1907, was a pioneer of Rice county, Minnesota, and subsequently a farmer of Vail township, Redwood county. His wife, born April 16, 1829, died November 27, 1863. Mr. and Mrs. Longbottom have the following children: Clara, born September 2, 1883, who is the wife of P. J. Schmitz, a farmer of Vail township, and has two children, Eunice and Roy; Mabel, born November 1, 1889, who is now the wife of Ed. J. Guenther, a merchant of Edgeley, N. D.,



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and has two children, Duane and Elwood; and Edna, born February 12, 1897, residing at home.

Simeon Stevens Goodrich was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, August 14, 1831. In 1854 he came to Minnesota and was married to Chloe T. Salisbury at Rochester, Minn., in 1857. He enlisted in Company F, Tenth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, August 14, 1862, and served as second principal musician until his discharge. Going south with his regiment, he took part in several important battles. During one charge a shell exploded so near him that he was rendered unconscious. He escaped wounds, but for some months suffered from the effects of a severe sunstroke. In 1867 he came to Redwood county as a pioneer farmer and settled in Redwood Falls township. At a later period he moved to Redwood Falls and engaged in the grocery business. He was totally blind the last ten years of his life, this affliction being due to the hardening of the nerves. Mr. Goodrich died October 31, 1913, at the good old age of eighty-two years. His widow and one daughter, Lela, who is unmarried, still reside in Redwood Falls.

Harmony B. Johnson, a hero of Fort Ripley, was born in Essex county, New York, and there grew to manhood. In the fifties he came west and located in Dakota county, this state. September 25, 1861,, he went to Fort Snelling and enlisted in Company C, Fourth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, and with that regiment was sent against the Indians. At Fort Ripley, while carrying an important dispatch he was thrown from his horse, receiving injuries from which he never fully recovered. In his youth he had become an expert snare drummer and was thus enabled to cheer many a long weary march and many a dismal hour in camp. Discharged for disability May 19, 1862, he returned to Dakota county. From there he came to Redwood county in 1884 and bought 160 acres in the northwest quarter of section 27, Sheridan township. Here he became a prominent citizen and served for some time as township treasurer. His death, December 22, 1896, was sincerely mourned. Harmony B. Johnson married Fannie S. Atwood, who was born in New York State, and came to Dakota county and to Redwood county with her husband and now lives at Seaforth.

George H. Johnson, financier, farmer and man-of-affairs, was born in Dakota county, this state, November 28, 1862 son of Harmony B. and Fannie S. (Atwood) Johnson. He was reared in his native place and in 1884 came to Redwood county with his parents living with them for several years on section 27, Sheridan township. By hard work and saving habits, he was enabled, in 1892, to purchase 160 acres in section 29 in the same township. Three years later, in 1895, he moved on to this place. In 1900, however, he moved to the village of Seaforth, where he has since

resided. His principal occupation since that time has been the buying and shipping of live stock. In the meanwhile, however, he has had many other interests. For three years, from 1908 to 1911, he owned and managed a lumber yard at Seaforth, at the end of that period, selling it to the C. M. Youmans Lumber Co., by whom it is now conducted. Much of the lumber for this yard he cut from his own holdings in the northern part of the state. In 1905 Mr. Johnson assisted in organizing the Security State Bank of Seaforth, of which he became first president. In 1911, owing to pressure of other duties, he resigned this position and since that time has served as vice president. His other banking interests include stock in the New State Bank of Morton. A thorough believer in the agricultural future of the country, he assisted, in 1896, in organizing the Sheridan Co-operative Creamery Co. and served as its first secretary for two years. In spite of his business activities, Mr. Johnson has found time to serve his fellow citizens in various public capacities. For eight years he was treasurer of Sheridan township. In 1902 he became the second mayor of Seaforth, a position he held for two years. For fourteen years he was on the village council and for one year was the village treasurer. Fraternally he is affiliated with the A. O. U. W. of Belview and with the I. O. O. F. of Seaforth. George H. Johnson was married January 1, 1894, to Minnie Goodrich, who was born March 14, 1867, daughter of Simeon Stevens and Chloe (Salisbury) Goodrich. This union was blessed with three children: Marie, Robert and Beth. Marie, born October 17, 1895, passed through the country and village schools, was graduated from the Redwood high school in 1913 and from the pianoforte department of the Northwestern Conservatory of Music at Minneapolis in 1915 and is now teaching music in and around Seaforth. Robert, born February 23, 1897, passed through the country and village schools, was graduated from the Redwood Falls high school in 1914 and is now assistant cashier of the Security State Bank of Seaforth. He is a thorough believer in preparedness and an enthusiastic member of Company L, Second Infantry Regiment, Minnesota National Guards, having recently served on the Mexican border. Beth was born April 11, 1899, passed through the village schools and is now studying in the Redwood Falls high school.

Rev. Julius F. Lenz, pastor of St. John's German Lutheran Church of Sheridan township, was born November 8, 1880, in Renville county, Minnesota. He is a son of Ferdinand Lenz, born December 27, 1835, and his wife, Augusta (Brettin) Lenz born March 7, 1852, both natives of Germany. The father came to America in 1865 and settled in Emmet township, Renville county, where he took a claim of 160 acres, and built a sod house in which Julius F. Lenz was born. He broke the land and by hard

work and self-denial brought the farm to a high state of cultivation, increasing its acreage from time to time until at one time he owned 500 acres. There were thirteen children in the family: Charles, Ida, Emilie, Emma, Ferdinand, Julius, Paulina, Albert, William, Rudolph, Harry, Adolph and Christ. After completing his studies in the country schools of this locality Julius F. Lenz attended the Dr. Martin Luther's College at New Ulm for one year. He then entered the Northwestern University at Watertown, Wis., studying there from 1901 to 1905, and next going to Concordia Seminary at Springfield, Ill., where he remained from 1906 to 1910. He was ordained as minister, June 5, 1910, in Emmet township, Renville county, Minnesota, and began work in a mission field at Meadow, S. D., where he remained until 1911. August 6 of that year he accepted a call to St. John's German Lutheran church in Sheridan township. He has devoted himself to his work with great zeal and a marked improvement has taken place in the parish during his stay there. The membership has increased about 40 per cent. He has also charge of St. Peter's church at Seaforth and does missionary work at Wabasso. At St. John's church he is also interested in the parish school conducted by the church seven months of the year. Mr. Lenz was married June 28, 1911, to Hedwig Mueller, who was born in Chicago, Ill., July 18, 1890, daughter of Otto and Bertha (Janke) Mueller. Her parents, natives of Germany, came to America in 1889 and now lives in Chicago, where the father is employed as a mechanic. There were seven children in the family, of whom five are now living: Frieda, Hedwig, Arthur, George and Gertrude. Mr. and Mrs. Lenz have three children: Gilbert, born June 27, 1912, Manfred, born December 15, 1913, and Edith, born July 4, 1915.

David B. Ganoe, a thrifty farmer of Sheridan township, was born October 5, 1858, in Champaign county, Illinois, son of John and Mary (Odkins) Ganoe. The father, a farmer, born in Ohio in 1814, moved in 1859 to Dallas county, Iowa, where he owned 400 acres and resided there until his death in September, 1892. His wife was born in Ohio in 1830 and died in 1885. There were the following children in the family: Elizabeth, now Mrs. W. R. Currey of Dallas county, Iowa; Nancy, deceased; Catherine now Mrs. William Toole of Dawson, Iowa; Eliza, Mrs. William Chance, deceased; Mary E., now Mrs. Joe Collins of Dawson, Iowa; James, of Jefferson, Iowa; John, of Adel, Iowa; William, also of Adel, and David B. of Sheridan township, Redwood county. After completing his school work, David B. Ganoe went to Colorado, where he worked for five years in the coal mines. He then returned to Iowa, and when his father's estate was settled, in 1899, came to Redwood county and bought 80 acres three miles west of his present place. In 1911 he bought 80 acres of well improved

land in section 13, Sheridan township. He has the following acreage: 50 acres of wheat, 70 of oats, 80 of corn and 18 of barley, and rents additional land for a part of his crops. He has five milch cows of the Shorthorn breed and raises Duroc Jersey swine and Percheron horses. Progressive and industrious, he has been successful in his line of work. In politics he is a Republican, and religiously a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Ganoe was united in marriage May 5, 1891, to Mary Williams, who was born in Canada, October 15, 1869, daughter of John and Annie (Gorman) Williams. Her father was born in 1861 in England and became a merchant in Ottawa, Canada, where he died November 1, 1869. Her mother, born in Ireland in 1853, died in Canada in 1911. The children in the family were: James and Mary, who were twins, born October 15, 1869. James died in the fall of 1884 in England, where he was living with an uncle. Mrs. Ganoe's mother married, secondly, Martin Hickey, and by this second marriage there were seven children, of whom one is now living, Agnes, now Mrs. D. W. Forester. Mr. and Mrs. Ganoe have no children.

George S. Davis, proprietor of the Sunnyside Stock Farm and a progressive farmer of Sheridan township, was born in Rice county, November 9, 1867, son of William and Mahala (Johnson) Davis. William Davis, a native of Illinois, came to Rice county, Minnesota with his parents in 1852. He was a member of the Minnesota National Guards for one year. In 1867 he homesteaded land in Beaver Falls township, Renville county, where he resided until his death in November, 1903, at the age of fifty-nine years. His wife died November 15, 1910, at the age of sixty years. George S. Davis remained at home until thirteen years of age, when he began working out, being employed four years on a farm in Dakota county. In 1891 he rented a farm in Redwood county, living on the Isaac Johnson farm in Sheridan township for seventeen years. In 1892 he bought the northwest quarter in section 35, Sheridan township and moved on to it in 1910. He has developed the land and greatly improved the place, having erected a modern residence, besides excellent barns and other farm buildings. The farm is all fenced with woven wire and in 1910 a barn, 58x64x12 was built, in 1911 a silo was built with a capacity of 150 tons. The residence, built in 1910, is a modern two-story eight-room structure equipped with hot water plant and acetylene lights and cost about \$3,000. Mr. Davis has increased the size of his farm and now owns 360 acres of land, two acres of which is set out in fruit. He raises Durham cattle, has eighteen milch cows and feeds two or three carloads of cattle for the market every year. He is a director of the Wabasso Farmers Creamery and the Farmers Grain and Fuel Company at Seaforth. For one year he has served as clerk of the school board of district



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No. 75. Mr. Davis was married July 4, 1892, to Mattie E. Stegner, who was born March 24, 1876 and died May 14, 1914. She was the daughter of Conrad Stegner, a pioneer of Redwood county, who worked as a mechanic in Minneapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Davis were blessed with four children: George, Hazel, Mahala (deceased) and Doris. Mr. Davis was married the second time, September 8, 1915, to Mrs. Jennie (Byington) Taylor.

Chris Poulsen, a substantial farmer of Sheridan township, was born in Denmark, November 15, 1867, son of Jens Peter Poulsen, a farmer of Denmark, who died in 1876 at the age of forty-eight years, and his wife, Sesil (Christenson) Poulsen, who is still living in that country. Chris Poulsen came to America in the spring of 1888 and located in Racine, Wis., where he worked for three years. In the fall of 1890 he bought 80 acres in section 25, Sheridan township, Redwood county, Minn., and came here himself in the spring of 1891. That year he built a one-room house, 14x20 feet and in 1902 rebuilt and remodeled it into a comfortable eight-room house. The barn was rebuilt in 1910 and made 42x42 feet. Mr. Poulsen has a nice grove of trees, three acres of fruit land, and 40 acres of land set aside for clover and timothy. Mr. Poulsen keeps about 30 cows, of which 10 are milch cows. He is a stockholder in the Wabasso Creamery and in the Wabasso Grain and Fuel Company. In politics a Republican, he has been treasurer of school district No. 46 for seven years. Religiously he belongs to the Danish Lutheran church. Mr. Poulsen was united in marriage July 2, 1888, to Matilda Jensen, who was born in Denmark, born October 27, 1866. Mr. and Mrs. Poulsen have the following children: Celia, born June 9, 1889, who was married, June 12, 1912, to Fay Truesdale, of Redwood Falls, Minn., and has two children, Clarice and George; James, born June 4, 1890, and now assistant cashier of the State Bank of Tulare, S. D., who was married, May 13, 1916, to Vina Harrison; Carl, born February 21, 1893, and now residing at home; Alfred, born May 20, 1895, who is a student in the Agricultural school; William and Lillian, twins, were born October 9, 1898, and Elmer, born September 7, 1905, all three of whom reside at home.

Joseph J. Troske, an enterprising farmer of Vail township, was born February 2, 1870, in Minnesota Lake township, Faribault county, Minnesota, son of Frank and Anna (Varvra) Troske. Frank Troske was born in Germany in 1844 and came to America in 1861, locating in St. Paul, Minn. He enlisted in Company E, Sixth Regiment, Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, was engaged in the battle of New Orleans, and marched with Sherman to the sea, serving eighteen months. In 1865 he came to Minnesota Lake township, and took up a homestead of 120 acres, later making additions to it until he had 600 acres. In true pioneer fashion he

broke the land with ox team, and built his first house of logs. Later he made many improvements. He built a two-story brick house in 1885 and in 1893 a new barn. After a life of useful activity, he died May 5, 1907. His wife, to whom he was married in 1868, was born May 1, 1844, in Bohemia. They had ten children: Joseph J., subject of this sketch; Frank W., a farmer of Kingman township, Renville county; John H., residing on the old homestead; Christena, wife of Jos. Woelfel, a farmer of Sheridan township; Henry E., a farmer of Minnesota Lake township, Faribault county; Anna B., wife of Geo. Bach, mail carrier of Minnesota Lake township; Paul J., a carpenter of Minnesota Lake township; Herman H., a mason of Minnesota Lake township; William, a farmer of Minnesota Lake township, living on the old homestead, and Mildred, a stenographer of Mankato, Minn. Joseph J. Troske remained at home on the farm until twenty-seven years of age, and then rented his father's farm. In 1900 he came to Redwood county, where he bought the east half of section 20, Vail township, which he broke up. He made additions to this from time to time, until he owned 560 acres in section 20, Vail township, and 240 acres in sections 14 and 23 Vesta township, making 800 acres in all. He has one of the largest apple orchards in Vail township. He has been justice of the peace for several years; also treasurer of Vail township, which office he still holds. A Redwood county picnic was held on this farm, which is an ideal place for such gatherings. It was gotten up by the Redwood County Bureau of Agriculture, of which Mr. Troske is a member. Mr. Troske was married June 15, 1897, to Anna M. Kozitza, who was born June 8, 1878, in Minnesota Lake township, Faribault county, Minnesota, daughter of Joseph J. Kozitza. Her father, born in Austria in 1844, came to America in 1865, locating in Waseca county, Minnesota, where he worked as a teamster and farm hand. After a time he bought 40 acres of land in Minnesota Lake township, and later acquired 80 acres at Mapleton, Danville township, Blue Earth county, and moved there. He still owns the farm in Minnesota Lake township and has added to the Mapleton farm, Danville township, until he has 240 acres in all. His wife, Josephine (Sonnek) Kozitza, was born in Germany in 1853 and came to America in 1865, dying in 1887. Mr. Kozitza was married again to Susanna Barteck, who died November 24, 1893. By the first marriage there were the following children: Anna M.; John J., a farmer on the homestead in Blue Earth county; Mary J., nurse at the Mayo hospital at Rochester; Agnes C., wife of F. J. Bach, a farmer of Blue Earth county; Thomas, a farmer on the homestead in Blue Earth county, and Rose, principal of the schools in Willow Lake township, Redwood county. By the second marriage there were: Susan, a teacher in Willow Lake township; Theodore, a dentist

in Nebraska, and Andrew, a teacher, who is a student at the agricultural department of the University of Minnesota, at St. Paul. He is a member of Battery F, Second Battalion, Field Artillery, which is now at Llano Grande, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Troske have the following children: Ervin E., born August 21, 1898, who is attending the agricultural department of the University of Minnesota at St. Paul, Minn.; Arnold A., born January 23, 1900, and now a student at St. Thomas College, St. Paul, Minn.; Ursula M., born March 12, 1903, who is attending St. Joseph Academy at Marshall, Minn.; Joseph D., born August 1, 1905; Rachel R., born June 11, 1910; Lester, born January 8, 1914, and Glenn George, born February 25, 1916.

Fred L. Froelich, one of the thrifty farmers of Sheridan township, was born in Nicollet county, May 15, 1869, son of Herman Froelich, a retired farmer of New Ulm, who was born in Germany and came to America in 1870, and his wife, Barbara Froelich, who died in 1903 at the age of sixty. Fred J. Froelich, in 1889, bought 120 acres of land in section 17 Sheridan township. He built up the place, made improvements, erected fine buildings and added land from time to time until he now owns 200 acres. He has erected a nice seven-room house and a barn, 36x60x14 feet. He is a member of the German Lutheran church. Mr. Froelich was married December 10, 1892, to Sophia Pehling, born March 20, 1877, daughter of Philip Pehling, a retired farmer now living in Mankato, and his wife, Mary (Wistedt) Pehling. Mr. and Mrs. Froelich's children are: Dora, Herman, Ella, Leona, Esther and Fred.

Nels L. Nelson, an enterprising farmer of Sheridan township, was born in Racine, Wis., February 18, 1883, son of Lars and Annie (Larson) Nelson. His father was born in Denmark and came to America in 1872, locating in Grand Rapids, Mich., where he remained for one year. He then moved to Racine, Wis., where he lived until 1890, working for the Mitchell & Lewis Wagon Company. In 1887 he bought 80 acres of land in section 36, Sheridan township and, moving onto it in 1890, resided there until 1912, when he retired from farming and took up his residence in Wabasso. Nels L. Nelson remained at home until 1912, when he purchased the home farm and began working for himself. He has built up the place made improvements and erected buildings, including a barn 36x60x14 feet. He now has a well improved farm of 120 acres and raises graded Shorthorn cattle and Poland China swine. Aside from this he is a stockholder in the Wabasso Farmers Co-operative Creamery. Religiously he is a member of the Danish Lutheran church. Mr. Nelson was married November 6, 1912, to Anna Kargh, born March 29, 1883, daughter of Lars and Johanna (Knudson) Kargh. Her father is a native of Denmark and came to America in 1870, settling near

Evan, Brown county, where he farmed for twenty-five years and died in 1894. His wife still lives at Evan.

James F. Scanlon was born in Sligo county, Ireland, November 9, 1867, son of Martin and Mary (Keenan) Scanlon, both natives of Ireland. The father came to America in April 1882, and purchased the northwest quarter of section 8, Sheridan township, Redwood county, where he engaged in farming until March, 1907, when he died at the age of seventy-two years. His wife now lives on the home place. James F. Scanlon grew to manhood on the homestead and engaged in farming for himself in section 8, where he lived from 1896 to 1906. Then he moved to the home place and has lived there ever since. His property comprises 80 acres of land and is well cultivated. Mr. Scanlon has served as director on the school board of district No. 70 for three years. He is affiliated with and has held all the chairs in the A. O. U. W. lodge at Belview and was a member of the Grand Lodge at St. Paul in 1910. He is a member of the Catholic church at Vesta. Mr. Scanlon was married November 13, 1896, to Annie Shimon, who was born November 20, 1879, daughter of Frank and Rosa (Boudy) Shimon. Her father, a native of Bohemia, emigrated to America in 1865, locating at New Prague, Minn., where he lived for six years. Then he moved to Henryville township, Renville county, where he lived for thirty-three years. Coming from there to Sheridan township, Redwood county, he engaged in farming here for a time but is now retired from active work and with his wife lives with his son Joseph in section 7, Sheridan township. Mr. and Mrs. Scanlon have had seven children: Mary (known as Mamie), born November 9, 1897; Martin, April 14, 1899; Katy Eudora, December 26, 1900; James Francis, April 27, 1903 (died December 19, 1904); William, April 26, 1905; Joseph, February 16, 1908, and Anna, August 18, 1911.

Thomas Kerby, a successful farmer of Sheridan township, was born May 6, 1834, in Quebec, Canada, son of Michael and Margaret (Griffin) Kerby, who were natives of Ireland and married there. They came to Canada in 1833, where the father followed his trade as a tailor. In 1836 they moved to Toledo, Ohio, where Mrs. Kerby died in 1837. Mr. Kerby lived there for a number of years, returning to Quebec later in life and dying in 1884. Thomas Kerby was the only child of his parents and received his education at Toledo. He then traveled through Illinois, Missouri and other western states until 1868 when he came to Sheridan township, Redwood county, Minnesota, and took up a claim of 160 acres on which he is now living. He built a one-room frame house, at that time the first house in the township, which is still standing and is now used as a shed. The lumber for this house was hauled by ox team from Willmar, Minn. In 1882 Mr. Kerby built his present large residence. He now has a well improved



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farm with a good barn and other buildings. A Democrat in politics, he has served on the board of supervisors of Sheridan township for many years. He has also for many years been treasurer of the school board of district No. 11. The family are members of the Catholic church. Mr. Kerby was married in Birch Cooley, Renville county, June 28, 1879, to Elizabeth Holten, sister of Lawrence Holten, the eldest settler now living in Sheridan township, and daughter of Charles and Bridget (Reynolds) Holten. Her father was born in 1908 and died in 1879 in Sheridan township; her mother, born in 1814, died in 1897. Their children are: Annie, now Mrs. Frederick Duffield, Michael, living at home, and Thomas J., also living at home.

Crate Knisley, a well known farmer of Sheridan township, was born in Ross county, Ohio, June 11, 1866, son of Richard and Ann (Swyers) Knisley. The father was a farmer born in Ohio, in which state he lived until 1866, when he moved to Dallas county, Iowa. He died in 1907 at the age of seventy-eight years, his wife dying in 1908 at the age of seventy-six years. Crate Knisley remained at home until nineteen years of age. He then worked in the mines at Angus and Boone, Iowa, for thirteen years, next going to Becker county, Minnesota, in 1898, where he farmed for one year. Then he bought 80 acres in section 13, Redwood Falls township, Redwood county, Minnesota, where he remained until 1905, when he rented the William Smith place in the same township and lived there seven years. In 1906 he had bought 80 acres in section 13, northern half of the northwest quarter, of Sheridan township, and he moved onto it in 1912 and now resides there. He has improved and developed the farm and considerably increased its value. In 1910 he built a barn 30x32 feet and in 1912 a comfortable eight-room house. Two acres of his land are devoted to fruit and one to alfalfa. He is a stockholder in the Redwood Falls Farmers Elevator Company and in the Sheridan Farmers Telephone Company. Mr. Knisley was married June 12, 1889, to Jeannette Love, daughter of George and Martha Love. Her father, who died in 1914 at the age of seventy-five years, had been a miner at Boone, Iowa. The mother now makes her home with her daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Knisley have two children: Martha, wife of Martin Luby, a farmer of Redwood Falls township, and who has one child, Margaret; and Albert, a farmer in Henryville township, Renville county, who married Mary Malichek, and has four children, William, Harry, Irene and John.

Michael Kramer, now deceased, was for a number of years a prominent farmer of Sheridan township, and a valuable citizen who took a part in the upbuilding of the county, served in public offices, developed a good farm and was in every way a man of honor and integrity. He was born in Fond du Lac county, Wis.

consin, November 11, 1854, son of Philip and Mary (Sauer) Kramer. The father Philip Kramer, born in Germany, was reared as a farmer and carpenter, came to America in the early days, located in Wisconsin and died in 1863. The mother was born in Germany, November 26, 1821, came to America with her husband and died August 12, 1900. In the family there were nine children: Gertrude A., Sister of Mercy in a convent at Fond du Lac; Anton, in Mower county, Minnesota; Nicholas, at Fond du Lac, Wis.; Michael, the subject of this sketch; Peter, of Beckerville, Wis.; Mathias, of Harvard, Ill.; Mary A., at Fond du Lac; John (deceased); Catherine, now Mrs. Agat Korb of Boyd, Wisconsin. Reared in this large family, Michael Kramer remained at home until attaining his majority, when he went to Mitchell county, Iowa, and purchased a farm. In 1891 he sold that place, came to Redwood county and purchased 297 acres in section 19, Sheridan township. The year after his arrival he built a comfortable house, which in 1900 was remodeled into the present residence, other buildings being erected as necessity required. The place is now a sightly one with a splendid orchard and grove, is neatly fenced and is well equipped with everything necessary to the carrying on of successful general farming operations. In addition to his farming projects, Mr. Kramer in 1901 erected a store building and operated a store at Seaforth for three years. In politics, he was a staunch democrat, and being much interested in public affairs served for a considerable period on the town and school boards. After a useful life filled with hard work, he died March 9, 1914, and his death is sincerely mourned. Mr. Kramer was married February 26, 1878 at Marytown, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, to Gertrude Bernard, born April 16, 1860, at Mount Calvary, Fond du Lac county, Wisconsin, daughter of Anton and Magdalena (Gerhard) Bernard, both natives of Germany, the former of whom was born July 6, 1827, came to America in 1848, located in Wisconsin, engaged in farming and died June 26, 1874; the latter was born October 25, 1827, and died July 6, 1866. In the Bernard family there were eight children: John, of Saskatchewan, Canada; Arnold, of Cold Spring, Minn.; Peter, deceased; Gertrude, wife of Michael Kramer; Mathias, a merchant of Tyler, N. D.; George, of St. Joseph, N. D.; Sebastian, a priest stationed in the Cathedral of St. Michael at Milwaukee, Wis., and Joseph, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Kramer have been blessed with twelve children: Anton, John, Arnold P., Mary, Michael, Mathias, Romulad Sebastian, Henry G., Nicholas J., Magdalen M., Peter Lawrence and Anna M. Anton was born February 6, 1879, married Dora Norcutt and has four children: Chloris, Bernard, Lyle and Lyndon. John, born September 24, 1880, married Minnie Lamb and has two children, Viola and Hazel. Arnold P. was born October 21, 1882, married Rose



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Boushek, and has one child, Fern Catherine. Mary was born June 17, 1884, married Anton Pistulka and has five children: Arnold, Charles, Anton, Gertrude and Joseph. Michael was born February 21, 1886 and married Julia Pistulka. Mathias was born January 19, 1888. Romulad Sebastian was born February 7, 1890, married Margaret Reed and has one son, Roy. Henry G. was born March 18, 1892; Nicholas J., June 26, 1894; Magdalen M., July 6, 1896; Peter Lawrence, August 10, 1898 (died October 25, 1914), and Anna M., September 8, 1900. Anton is cashier of the State Bank of Lucan; Romulad Sebastian is cashier of the State Bank of Clements; Henry is assistant cashier of the State Bank of Vesta; Michael devotes part of his time to farming and is a clever professional baseball player of considerable note. All the other sons are engaged in farming exclusively. Magdalen M. and Anna M. are at home. Among the features which have made the Kramer family famous through this region may be mentioned the Kramer Brothers' Band and Orchestra. These organizations had their origin about 1897, when its senior members began furnishing music for dances, entertainments, and the like. The membership gradually increased as the younger children grew up, until in 1910, when all twelve children were members of the orchestra. In the early years, the band and orchestra were under the direction of Anton Kramer, later Arnold Kramer was the leader. The orchestra and band attained their highest efficiency in 1907, when the services of the members were in wide demand for the leading social events, dances, entertainments and general gatherings throughout the county. The music furnished was of the very best. The strictest standards of efficiency have been maintained, and the family has had a distinct influence on the progress of musical education throughout the county.

Jacob Becvar was born in Bohemia, July 22, 1854, son of Joseph Becvar, a carpenter by trade, who died in 1894 in Bohemia, at the age of eighty-six and his wife, Marie (Swaboda) Becvar, who died in 1865 at the age of fifty-four. Jacob came to America in 1880 and entered into the shoe business in Cleveland, Ohio, where he remained for twenty years. In 1900 he came to Seaforth, Minn., and bought the Charles Cole confectionery, of which he is now proprietor. He is also a stockholder in the Security State Bank of Seaforth. Mr. Becvar was married July 25, 1881, to Josephine Masek, born June 20, 1856, daughter of Frank Masek, who came to America in 1893 and farmed in Sheridan township until his death, September 3, 1914, when eighty-two years of age, and his wife Anna (Riba) Masek, who died in 1898 at the age of sixty-nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Becvar have one child, Louis who was county surveyor of Redwood county four years and was employed at the fair at San Francisco in 1915. He was married to Rosa Cermak in 1899 and they have had three

children: Glen, Roy and Virginia, who died in 1911 at the age of four years.

John Sorensen was born in Denmark, May 30, 1884, son of Peter Sorensen, a farmer of that country, who was born in 1850, and his wife, Christina (Olson) Sorensen, born in 1849. John Sorensen came to America in June, 1904, and followed the trade of blacksmith, which he had learned in his fatherland, in Springfield, Raymond, and Clara City, Minn. February 8, 1911, he bought the shop of A. J. Van Selus in Seaforth which he now operates. He has been a member of the village council for four years. He was married June 8, 1915, to Agnes Pistulka, who was born January 17, 1887, daughter of Vaclav and Mary (Posekany) Pistulka.

William Tordsen, one of the prosperous farmers of Redwood county, was born in Nicollet county, Minnesota, December 12, 1869, son of Jurgen and Dora (Bouck) Tordsen. The father was a native of Germany and came to America in 1858, engaging in farming in Nicollet county, where he died in 1898 at the age of sixty-eight years. His wife, born August 18, 1834, now makes her home with her son William, having attained the good old age of eighty-two years. William Tordsen took charge of the home farm in Sheridan township in 1895 and has operated it ever since. It contains 160 acres and is located in the southwest quarter of section 5. Mr. Tordsen is an active and progressive farmer and has developed his property and brought it to a high state of cultivation. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company at Seaforth and of the Farmers State Bank at Belview. He has been road overseer for six years, and a director on the school board of district No. 70 for six years. His religious affiliations are with the German Lutheran church. Mr. Tordsen was married February 22, 1895, to Annie Schmidt, who was born November 19, 1874, daughter of Christian and Mary (Seivert) Schmidt. Her father was a native of Germany and came to America in 1859, engaging in farming in Nicollet county. He has since retired from active work and is now living in Nicollet, Nicollet county. His wife died in 1890 at the age of forty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Tordsen have the following children: George, born December 25, 1895; Albert, born October 31, 1897; William, born December 25, 1899; Leona, born May 27, 1902; Walter, born October 20, 1903; Ervin, born June 12, 1906, who died March 27, 1908; Amanda, born November 23, 1908, and Edna, born March 9, 1910.

George Fuhr, proprietor of the Fairview Stock Farm, was born in Rock Island county, Illinois, October 14, 1863, son of Valentine and Margaret (Nickel) Fuhr. The father was born December 4, 1821, and died May 15, 1912, at the age of ninety years. He was a native of Germany who came to America in 1832 with his parents, they settling in New York and later in



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Ohio where they remained for ten years. In 1842 he went to Rock Island county, Illinois, and located on a farm, where he made his home until his death. He served as road overseer for twenty years. His wife was born October 11, 1822, and died January 23, 1909. George Fuhr remained at home until 1899, when he bought 80 acres in Buffalo Prairie township, Rock Island county, Illinois, and lived there until March, 1912. He had increased his farm until he owned 158 acres. He then sold it and bought 375 acres in sections 33 and 34, Sheridan township, Redwood county, Minnesota, where he still resides. He specializes in raising Polled Durham cattle, Poland China swine and Percheron horses. In 1912 he built a house, with full basement, on the east farm, 26x28x16 feet, which he installed with furnace heat. In 1913 he built an eight-room house on the west farm, 28x28x16 feet, with full basement and furnace heat. The same year he erected a barn on the west farm 40x60x14 feet. He has 340 acres of land under cultivation, ten acres of which are in alfalfa, fifty in clover and 140 in corn. George Fuhr was married January 4, 1888, to Mary Mader, who was born May 2, 1868, daughter of Michael Mader. Her father, a native of Germany, came to America and located in Mercer county, Illinois, where he farmed until his death, February 26, 1898 at the age of sixty-five years. His wife, Mary (Garber) Mader, born April 10, 1843, is now living in Mercer county, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Fuhr's children are as follows: Leonard, born February 16, 1889, who farms on a part of his father's estate, and who was married February 15, 1912, to Laura France, and has one child, Myron, born February 11, 1913; Augusta, born November 30, 1891, who was married February 15, 1911, to Ernest Boney a farmer of Sheridan township, and has two children, Beatrice, born March 11, 1912, and Carol, born August 26, 1913; Bernard, born July 15, 1893; Agnes, born November 22, 1898; Mathilda, born November 29, 1896, and Everett, born January 10, 1905.

George J. Grimm, cashier of the First National Bank, of Lambertton, was born at Hartford, Wis., May 1, 1865, son of John and Mary (Regenfuhs) Grimm. He was reared in his native town and there attended the public schools. As a youth he worked in a general store, but by devoting his spare time to the study of telegraphy, he was enabled to realize his ambitions of entering the railroad service. In 1882 he took up work at St. Peter as railroad operator, and was afterwards transferred to New Ulm as operator and cashier. It was in 1890 that he located in Springfield as station agent. There he became a prominent citizen. For eight years he served as village recorder, for a time he was secretary of the Brown County Democratic club. In 1901 he was nominated as candidate for county auditor on the Democratic ticket, and was defeated by only a few

votes. In that year he came to Lamberton as cashier of the Citizens State Bank, a position he retained when, on April 2, 1904, the institution was reorganized as the First National Bank. Here he has taken an active part in all public affairs. He was village recorder for seven years, and has been a member of the school board since 1909. He is chairman of the Democratic County Committee and a member of the Democratic State Central Committee. For some time past he has been treasurer of the Lamberton Creamery Co, and a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Co. He has been secretary and a director of the Lamberton Building, and Loan Association for fourteen years. The Commercial Club of which he is president, finds him a most active worker. In the Catholic church he is trustee and treasurer. His fraternal affiliations are with the Elks, the Modern Woodmen, the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Order of Foresters. Mr. Grimm was married Nov. 25, 1890, to Emily H. Schneider, born Oct. 19, 1869, daughter of Joseph and Theresa (Dietz) Schneider of New Ulm, and their children are: John C., Leslie H., Natalia A., Oliva L., Nancy A., and Woodrow G. John Grimm, father of George J. Grimm was born in Germany, came to America at an early age, lived in Wisconsin and New York, assisted in constructing the Erie canal, and finally returned to Germany. Later he returned to the United States, and was employed for many years as railroad agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad at Hartford, Wisconsin. He died at Hartford, Nov. 17, 1894, and his wife died May 7, 1898. In the family the children were: George J., John A., Lawrence, Sebastian, Michael and Margareth.

William Duncan, Jr., cashier of the State Bank of Milroy, was born April 18, 1880, at Sleepy Eye, this state, son of William and Emma (Hollingstead) Duncan. He received his preliminary education in the schools of Sleepy Eye and Springfield, and in 1899 graduated from the Curtiss Commercial College at Minneapolis. With this preparation he entered the employ of Anderson Brothers, dealers in hardware and lumber, at Springfield. His banking experience was received as bookkeeper in the State Bank of Springfield, where he remained until the spring of 1903, when he accepted his present position. In Milroy, Mr. Duncan has become one of the leading citizens, and his progressive spirit has had much to do in shaping the destinies of the village which, when he arrived, was but few months old. He has been president of the village council for many years, has served as treasurer of the village, and has been a member of the school board since a short time after his arrival here. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, and belongs to various clubs and organizations. Mr. Duncan was married June 10, 1903, at Springfield, to Bertha E. Schmid, born at Sleepy Eye, Dec. 14, 1879, daughter of John B. and Mary Anna (Adams) Schmid. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan have two children:



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Marion A., born Oct. 25, 1904; and Gretchen, born Dec. 7, 1912. The family faith is that of the Congregational church. Mr. and Mrs. John B. Schmid, parents of Mrs. William Duncan, Jr., had a large family of children as follows: John R., engaged in the real estate business at Springfield; Emma, wife of William Anderson, president of the North Star Grain Co. at Winnipeg, Canada; Louise, wife of P. W. Kuske, a druggist at Springfield; Bertha E., wife of William Duncan, Jr.; Arthur (deceased); Edward, a railroad engineer living at Tracy; Adolph, a dentist at Worthington, Minn.; Victoria, wife of E. L. Nippolt, cashier of the State Bank of Springfield; Benjamin, assistant cashier of the State Bank of Milroy; Constant, in the automobile business at Springfield; Elmer, stenographer at Springfield; and Armin, a student in the Springfield High school.

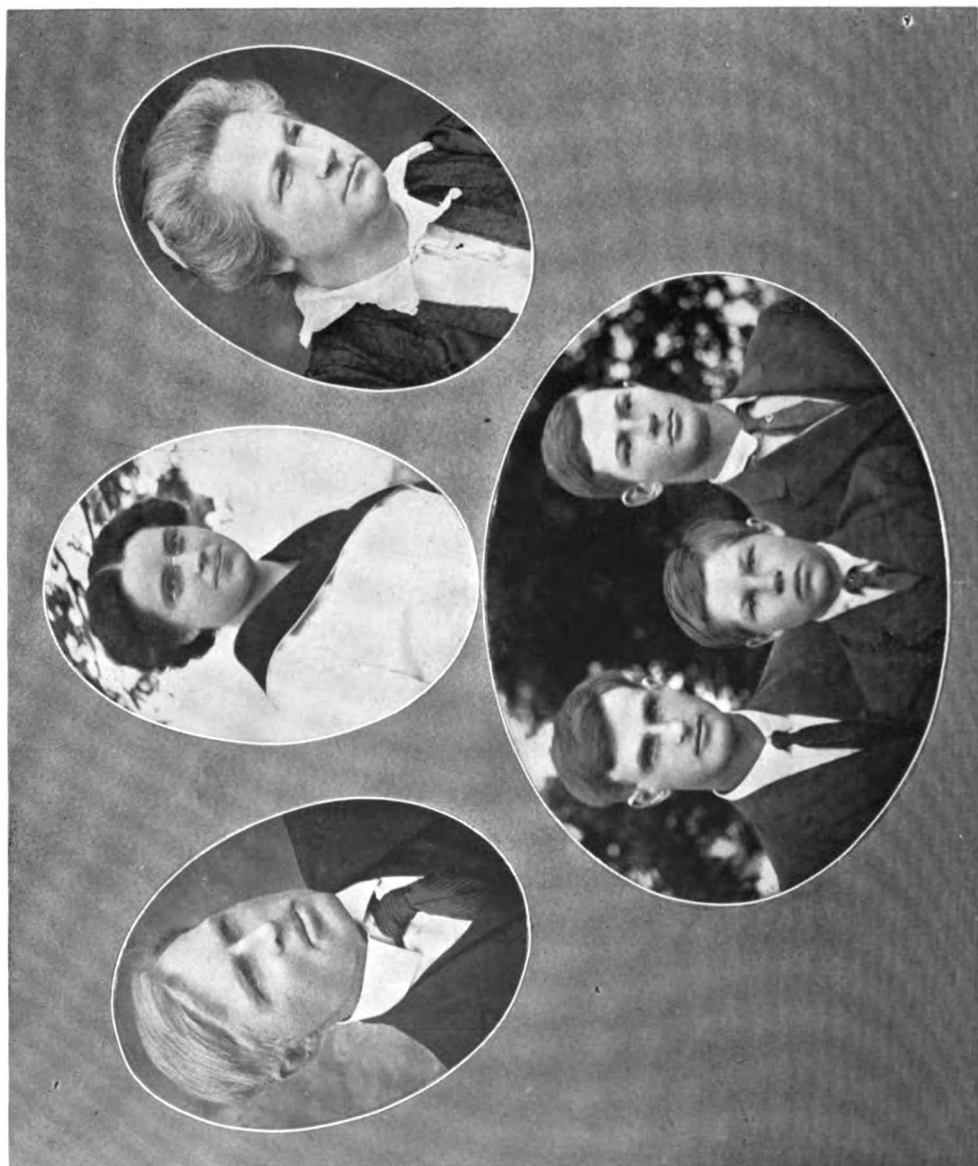
William Duncan, Sr., was born in Muskegon county, Ohio, Jan. 21, 1846. Upon coming to Minnesota; he engaged in the implement business in Sleepy Eye. From there he moved to Springfield in 1890, and became a traveling salesman for D. M. Osborn & Co. Later he traveled for the McCormick Harvester Co. in whose employ he remained until 1909, with the exception of two years when he was in the implement business at Springfield, with Thomas Brophy, under the firm name of Brophy & Duncan. He died at Rochester, Minn., Aug. 23, 1916. His wife, Emma Hollingstead, was born May 25, 1852. They are the parents of three children, of whom William Duncan, Jr., born April 18, 1880, is the only one living. James, born in August, 1883, is deceased, as is also an unnamed infant.

Harry E. Hayes was born in Wisconsin, May 28, 1873, son of Peter and Martha (Parker) Hayes. Peter Hayes was born in Wisconsin and grew to manhood on the farm, coming to Lamberton, Minn., in 1874, coming by ox team with a colony of settlers, and secured a homestead of wild land. Building a sod shack and a straw barn, he began breaking up the land with his team of oxen. He suffered much from the storms, losing his cattle, and also lost several crops on account of the grasshoppers, having to work in the pineries to earn enough money to support the family. He lived on this farm until about 1910, and during that time made extensive improvements, built modern buildings and raised good stock. He was one of the organizers of the township and held township office. He also helped organize his school district and held office on the board. He was one of the directors of the first elevator built here. He is a charter member of the A. O. U. W. of Lamberton. In 1910 he moved back to Wisconsin. Harry E. was the oldest of six children and was only a child at the time of his father's removal to Minnesota. He received his early education in the school of his locality and engaged in farming. He remained at home until twenty-three

years of age when he located 160 acres in section 24, Lamberton township. He built a 24 by 24 house and the next year sold the place and located in the village of Lamberton, where he went into the livery business. He continued in this for six years, and then returned to farming in Lamberton township, renting a farm until 1915, when he bought 15 acres and farmed there until last fall. He is now taking care of the state road from Lamberton to Brown county. He is associated with the M. W. A. of Lamberton. Mr. Hayes was married at the age of twenty-four to May Bozel, born in Redwood county, daughter of Fred Bozel of Lamberton township, one of the old pioneers of this section. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes have three children: Beatrice, Christine and Hugh.

Fred E. Person, a successful real estate dealer of Redwood Falls, was born in Cherokee, Iowa, Oct. 14, 1890, son of Clarence E. and Minnie Person. Clarence E. Person was born in Des Moines, Iowa, and is now a leading citizen of Estherville, Iowa, where he has been president of the school board for several years. He has dealt extensively in real estate, both in Iowa and in Minnesota. Fred E. Person attended the Estherville High school, and the Estherville Business College. For a number of years he was employed as a stenographer in railroad construction work in North Dakota and elsewhere. Later with his father he became interested in the Person Land Company. Since November, 1914, he has been in business in Redwood Falls, his present partner being A. J. White. The company does an extensive business in Minnesota and Montana lands. Mr. Person was married Dec. 11, 1912, to Winnifred Wickham, who was born May 12, 1893, daughter of S. E. and Mary (McWilliams) Wickham, of Clement, Iowa.

Swan Peterson, veteran of the Civil war and early settler of Springdale township, was born in Sweden and there married Hanna Nelson. They came to America in 1854 and located on a claim in Carver county, this state. From there, in 1864, Mr. Peterson enlisted in the 4th Minn. Vol. Inf. and served until the close of the war, taking part in the second battle of Bull Run, accompanying General Sherman on his famous march to the sea, serving before Richmond at the surrender of General Lee, and participating in the famous review at Washington. After his discharge he returned to his claim and there lived until 1873. In that year he came to Springdale township, this county, and secured 160 acres, on which he engaged in general farming and stock raising. He worked hard, toiled early and late, and in time acquired a competence, owning at one time 640 acres in Springdale, Gales and Johnsonville townships. After a long life filled with worthy endeavor he died October 11, 1903, at the old home on the farm. Mr. Peterson will live in history as one of the organizers and member of the first town board of Springdale town-



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ship. He acted as chairman for many years after it organized. He was likewise one of the organizers and first treasurer of School District 22, which embraced the north half of Springdale township. The first teacher was Miss Eva Kellogg. The school house was a vacant farm house on the L. V. Kellogg homestead in section 10. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson were the parents of several children. Those who are living are: John H., William D., Dora and Hannah, all of whom live in Tracy with their aged mother, with the exception of William D., who lives in Johnsonville township.

William D. Pierson, a well-known farmer and stock raiser of Johnsonville township, was born in Carver county, this state, July 2, 1863, son of Swan and Hanna (Nelson) Peterson. He came to this county with his parents and as time passed took over the management of his father's farm, which he now owns and where he now carries on general agricultural operations. A democrat in politics he served as school clerk of District 62 for fifteen years. In 1915 he was elected justice of the peace in which position he is still serving. His interest in the development of the community is shown by the fact that he was one of the organizers of the North Star Telephone Company, of which he is now serving as secretary. He was one of the charter members of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which has been of much value to the farmers of the county. He assumed his present name of Pierson after the time of his marriage, August 24, 1887, to Flora M. Fassett. Mrs. Pierson was born in New York state July 19, 1867. She and her husband have had four children: Hazel G., Harold L., Owen C. and A. Lyle. Hazel G. was born August 13, 1888. She married Roy Gilbert, who was accidentally killed in the electric light plant at Tracy, leaving one child, Cameon Maude. Later she married Lester C. Hawes, of Ripidan, this state, and they have two children, Belva and Flora. Harold L. was born August 9, 1890. After receiving his preliminary education he entered the Bible College at Boone, Iowa, and then studied at the Missionary Institute at Nyack, New York. On August 25, 1916, he left for Africa, where he will engage in missionary work in the Belgian Congo. Owen C. was born May 28, 1896. A. Lyle was born February 19, 1899. All the children were born in Springdale township, with the exception of A. Lyle, who was born in Johnsonville township.

H. B. West, publisher of the Morgan "Messenger," was born at High Island Lake (now called New Auburn), Sibley county, Minnesota, December 1, 1884, son of Marion B. and Frances (Gibbs) West. The father, Marion B. West, was born in February, 1863, in Wisconsin, to which state his parents had journeyed in the fifties from Hartford, Conn., where the elder Mr. West had worked in the original Rogers Bros.' silverware factory. On moving to Minnesota in the early seventies, the West family

located on a farm a few miles south of Brownton, the town at that time being made up of a few shanties and having no railroad. In 1883 Marion B. West was united in marriage with Frances Gibbs and moved onto a farm near the parental place, which Mr. West purchased. The parents of Frances Gibbs, who were of "Yankee" origin, came to Sibley county from New York state in the early days before the railroad was built west of the Twin Cities, and they were compelled to haul the products of their farm to St. Peter, where transportation was furnished on the Mississippi river by steamboat. The daughter, Frances, was born at High Island, the subsequent birthplace of her son, the subject of this sketch, and was one of the first white children born in that section of the state. She died March 14, 1898. After farming for a few years, Marion B. West moved to Brownton, where he went into the harness business with his brother. This concern had been in business but a few years, however, when M. B. West went into partnership with his father at Brownton, under the firm name of West & Son, in the hardware, implement and coal business. This firm continued to do business under the original name until 1908, when its senior member passed away and the son took over the entire business, which he still conducts. H. B. West, who was born the year following his parents' marriage, was educated in the public schools at Brownton, from which he was a graduate in 1902. Directly after concluding his school work he began an apprenticeship as printer in the office of "The Messenger" at Morgan, Minn., with which paper he has been connected as printer, foreman, or editor practically ever since, except for short intervals, during one of which he worked for a few months on the advertising "alley" of a daily paper. In February, 1912, Mr. West purchased "The Messenger" at Morgan, which he owns and edits at the present time, enjoying liberal patronage from the business men of the town. September 29, 1910, H. B. West was united in marriage to Carrye Hartwick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hartwick, of Morgan. Joseph Hartwick was employed in the State Bank of Morgan until his death in February, 1915. Mr. West is a member of the Presbyterian church, of which he is a trustee and for several years he has served as superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday school. During the years 1913-14 he served as state oil inspector for the county of Redwood under Governor Eberhart. He is secretary of the Morgan Commercial Club, and at all times takes a deep interest in public affairs. He is a member also of two fraternal orders, the Equitable Fraternal Union and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being a past grand in the last mentioned lodge.

James Clements was born twelve miles from Belfast, Ireland, and came to America as a boy of fifteen years. At the time of his marriage he located in Lisbon, St. Lawrence county, New York,



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and there spent the remainder of his years. He died about 1883. His wife died in 1858 at the age of fifty-one years. Of their large family, eight grew to adult years: John, Henry, Isabel (wife of Daniel J. Aldrich), Eliza (wife of George Martin), Albert, William, David and James.

George Martin was born in New York state and was married in 1860 to Eliza Clements, daughter of James Clements. In 1865 they came westward to Michigan. Two years later they came to this state and located at Hastings, Dakota county. After living there some fifteen years they moved to Beaver Falls in Renville county. March 15, 1916, they retired and took up their residence in Redwood Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are the parents of three children: Eva F., now Mrs. H. A. Baldwin, of Redwood Falls; Carrie, now Mrs. Fred Elfrink; and Rupert, now of White Rock, S. D.

Daniel J. Aldrich, veteran of the Civil war, and an early settler of Renville county, this state, was born in North Adams, Mass., February 6, 1830. As a young man he went to California in 1853 and engaged in mining for some two years, making the journey by way of the Isthmus of Panama. Upon his return he farmed for a while in St. Lawrence county, New York. In 1863 he enlisted in Co. B, 150th N. Y. Vol. Inf., served in many important campaigns and battles and was present at the surrender of General Robert E. Lee. After his discharge in 1865 he came to Minnesota, lived a year at Hastings and then purchased a farm near Faribault. It was in 1878 that he came to Renville county and secured 160 acres in Beaver Falls township. There he lived until 1896 when he retired and moved to Morton where he died February 15, 1902. Daniel J. Aldrich was married February 17, 1852, to Isabel Clements, born in Lisbon county, St. Lawrence county, New York, July 14, 1833, daughter of James Clements, and died at Morton November 16, 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich were the parents of eight children: Loretta, now Mrs. Miles Bell, of Aberdeen, S. D.; S. H., of Minneapolis; Luther D., formerly of Morton, killed by a horse; Aurilla, now Mrs. John Blume, of Morton; Herman J., of Victor, Mont.; Laura E., now Mrs. J. C. Donaghue, of Minneapolis; George W., of Minneapolis, and Frederick H., a physician and surgeon of Belview, Redwood county, Minnesota.

Frederick H. Aldrich, M. D., a leading citizen of Belview, has been one of the active factors in the modern growth and prosperity of that thriving metropolis. As mayor, banker, postmaster, physician and man-of-affairs, he has taken his part in every public move and his efforts have been appreciated by a constantly increasing circle of friends. He was born in Faribault, this state, February 22, 1872, son of Daniel J. and Isabel (Clements) Aldrich, who brought him to Beaver Falls, Renville county, in 1878.

After passing through the district school of his neighborhood, he went to Minneapolis, where he attended the Lincoln graded school and the Central High school. Thus prepared, he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Chicago, the medical department of the University of Illinois, and was there graduated, May 20, 1902. He next received the customary training as an assistant at the Vesta (Minn.) hospital. His first office was at Seaforth, in this county. In 1903 he came to Belview and succeeded to the practice of Dr. H. P. Dredge. Since then he has continued in his profession here and has won for himself an enviable reputation for his skill and knowledge. His public service has included ten years as coroner of Redwood county and two years as mayor of Belview. As postmaster of Belview since March 7, 1914, he has given the village the best postal service it has ever received. His financial holdings include stock in the Farmers' State Bank, of which for three years he was president, and 375 acres of Redwood county real estate. His fraternal affiliations are with the A. O. U. W. and the A. F. & A. M. Dr. Aldrich was married August 18, 1903, to Emma L. Scholz, M. D., born at Lake Zurich, Ill., June 1, 1874, daughter of Franz and Augusta (Froelich) Scholz, both natives of Leipsig, Germany. Dr. and Mrs. Aldrich have one son, Herrick J., born February 20, 1907. Emma L. Scholz, now Mrs. Frederick H. Aldrich, graduated from the high school in Joliet, Ill., in 1897, and entered the Chicago College of Homeopathy from which she was graduated in 1902 as one of the first class of three women to receive a degree from that institution. Thus prepared, she practiced a year at Monticello, Minn. Since her marriage she has been in active practice with her husband. She is the only woman physician in Redwood county and she and her husband working together have established an extensive practice which reaches for many miles in every direction. Mrs. Aldrich is the second oldest in a family of ten children. Marie, the wife of Henry Schwerman, is dead. Rose is dead. Charles J. is a merchant in Chicago. H. May is principal of the schools at Lake Bluff, Ill. Elizabeth died at the age of eleven years. Anna is now Mrs. Donald C. Smith, of Sheboygan, Wis. Frank C. lives in Chicago. Gertrude is now Mrs. Edward Young, of Barrington, Ill. Ada resides with Dr. and Mrs. Aldrich in Belview and is the assistant postmistress.

Orlando B. Turrell, a venerable and respected resident of Redwood Falls, whose name has been inseparably connected with the development of the county, was born near Danbury, Conn., in September, 1834, and removed with his parents to Putnam county, New York, in 1842. In 1857 he came to St. Paul and engaged in banking and the real estate business. Since 1877 he has been engaged in agriculture, banking and real estate in Redwood Falls. He served several years in the legislature, and has held many

other positions of public honor and private trust. At one time he was prominently mentioned in connection with the candidacy for congress from this district. He is the author of a valuable work on "The Early Days in Redwood County," published by the Minnesota Historical Society. Extracts therefrom have been included in this history. Mr. and Mrs. Turrell are now living in their pleasant home, overlooking the beautiful Redwood Falls park, and bordering on the Ramsey State park. They have two children, Robert and Luella. A brief mention should here be made of Mr. Turrell's connection with the development of the real estate of Redwood county. J. W. Paxton, backed by eastern capital, had secured control of a large tract of land in Redwood county at a very low price. The Indian danger being past, and the memories of the Uprising fading away, Mr. Paxton believed that there would be a great influx of settlers to Redwood county. The influx in time, did come, but the prospective settlers paid no attention to Redwood lands, but nearly swamped the Northwestern railroad in the rush to South Dakota, where vast areas awaited the homesteader. Mr. Turrell to a large extent shared Mr. Paxton's views and had high hopes of future success when in 1871 he took over the tract which then consisted of about 16,000 acres of land, 4,500 of which had been broken, and houses built on twenty quarter sections. Mr. Turrell shared to a large extent Mr. Paxton's hopes and convictions. But the grasshoppers came and for many a long year Mr. Turrell saw his tenants' crops ravaged by the greedy insects, and this, as well as the influx to South Dakota, already mentioned, put an end to the expectations of immediate success.

Alex. McCorquodale, a pioneer of Delhi township, was born in Scotland. Upon coming to America, he sailed the Great Lakes for a number of years, and then purchased a farm in Ontario, Canada. He later sold this, and moved to Wabasha county, this state. From that county he came to Delhi township, this county, as one of its earliest settlers. He was one of the first town officers at the time of the organization of the township, and continued to serve in a number of important capacities thereafter. His wife and daughter, Jennie, now Mrs. Eldridge G. Pomroy, were the first women in the township. Aside from Mrs. Pomroy, Mr. and Mrs. McCorquodale had seven children: John, living in Texas; Agnes (deceased); Daniel, living at Echo, Minn.; Alexander, at Ukiah, Cal.; Rachel, now Mrs. E. P. Lile, of Modesto, Cal.; Duncan, of Delhi, this county; and Archie, of Echo.

Eldridge Gerry Pomroy, one of the builders of Fort Ridgely, and one of the oldest territorial pioneers still living in the state, was born in Hopkinton, St. Lawrence county, New York, August 23, 1833, son of John Phelps and Narcissa (Henderson) Pomroy. He came west in 1852, and in 1853, with his brother

Jesse H. and others, hired out to the government to assist in building Ft. Ridgely. The story is told in full elsewhere in this book. In 1855, he, with John Nairn and Alex. Hunter, helped to build the old government mill at Redwood Falls. He then went to Florida, was ill with the fever at New Bedford, Mass., for several months, and also spent a time in New York state. In April, 1858, he returned to St. Paul and in June of that year started for the Lower Indian Agency in Redwood county with the intention of going to Sioux Falls, S. D. Indian troubles, however, prevented a continuation of the trip, so he made a basswood boat from timber secured at the Redwood Falls mill, paddled down the Minnesota river to Mankato and in time reached St. Paul. In 1861 he enlisted for three years in Co. C. 1st Minn. Vol. Inf. In 1864 he hired out to the United States government at St. Louis, Mo., as carpenter and was sent to Edgefield, Tenn., to build cavalry sheds for the army horses. September 9, 1865, he returned to his home in New York and in 1870 again set out for St. Paul where he worked at his trade until 1888. Then he took a trip to California looking for a suitable location, but seeing nothing which pleased him he returned to Minnesota and homesteaded 160 acres in Underwood township, this county. After improving his place he sold it in 1903 and bought 160 acres in Kintire township, which he still owns. In 1901 he and his daughter, Ethel, attended the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo, N. Y. He retired from farming in 1903 and moved to Delhi. His daughter, Ethel, and her husband, Arthur Neale, live on the farm. Mr. Pomroy is a Republican and has been a school officer for eleven years, chairman of the Underwood township board one year and president of Delhi village council three years. Fraternally he is a Blue lodge and Chapter Mason. Mr. Pomroy was married, December 7, 1880, to Mrs. Jennie (McCorquodale) Monroe, born February 14, 1852, in Scotland, daughter of Alex. and Rachel McCorquodale, who brought her to Buffalo, N. Y., as an infant. Mr. and Mrs. Pomroy have one child, Ethel, born September 21, 1884. She was married June 9, 1909, to Arthur Neale, son of Alonzo Neale, and has three children: Eldridge, born May 25, 1910; Beatrice, born September 28, 1912; and Alma, born October 4, 1904. Mrs. Jennie Pomroy, then Jennie McCorquodale, was married July 11, 1870, to Peter Monroe, who was born in Canada, in 1843, devoted his life to the carpenter trade, and died in 1873, leaving a daughter, Tenia, born in Wabasha county, July 30, 1871, now the wife of Emil Kuenzli, of Redwood Falls. John Phelps Pomroy, the father of Eldridge Gerry Pomroy, was born in Keene, N. H., in 1794, and as a youth became a carpenter. In 1844 he came as far west as Cleveland, Ohio, but most of his life was spent in the east. He died in 1849 and is buried in St. Lawrence county, New York. He married Narcissa Henderson,



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who was born in Washington county, New York, in 1801, died February 27, 1887, and is buried in Niagara county, New York. In the family there were eight children: David, born January 2, 1820; Jesse H., born October 23, 1821; Henry G., born August 17, 1823; Lucretia, born August 27, 1825; Delia A., born August 3, 1827; Earl, born November 27, 1829; John, born September 6, 1831; and Eldridge G., born August 23, 1833. All are dead except Eldridge G.

Joseph Tyson, commissioner of the Ramsey State Park, is one of the earliest settlers, having arrived in this part of the state in the sixties. He camped for a night in Redwood Falls, but kept on his way, and located in Yellow Medicine county. Later, however, he took up his residence in Redwood county. Mr. Tyson has devoted his life to stock breeding, and was one of the first to bring pure blooded cattle to this region. For some years he did good service as county commissioner. For a long period he was one of the sustaining factors in the county fair. He has also been active in many other public movements. His greatest work, however, has been in connection with the State Park. The wonderful roads which wind through that park are permanent monuments to his enthusiasm, hard work and skill. The city has no more enthusiastic "booster" than he, and he is doing much to make the vicinity of Redwood Falls known through the state. Mr. Tyson is married and has one of the prettiest homes in the city. He is affiliated with the Masonic order, the Redwood Falls Commercial club, and many other organizations.

Joseph Danielson, a prominent citizen of Walnut Grove, was born in Holstein, then a part of Denmark, now a part of Germany, January 24, 1866, only child of Jordan and Mary (Kiel) Danielson. Jordan Danielson, while serving in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71, was badly wounded, and though he lived for several years thereafter, he eventually died from the effect of his injuries in 1877, his wife having passed away in 1875. In 1881 Joseph Danielson came to America and for several years was employed by his uncle in Mills county, Iowa. Later he engaged in farming for himself in the same county. It was in 1894 that he came to Redwood county and purchased 160 acres in Lamberton township, where he lived for several years. Then he engaged in the farm implement business in Walnut Grove. Disposing of this business in 1909 he purchased 320 acres in North Hero township. In 1913 he again took up his residence in Walnut Grove, where he purchased the garage business of Damp & Tillisch. In November, 1915, he sold this prosperous establishment and purchased land in Lincoln county, this state. Mr. Danielson is an active, progressive man, whether as a farmer or as a business man, and has won the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact. While he has been too busy to mingle much in political life, he

has nevertheless done excellent service for three years as one of the supervisors of North Hero township. Mr. Danielson was married July 17, 1889, to Adelia Lanz, who was born in Mills county, Iowa, June 29, 1867, and died February 24, 1916. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Danielson are: Ida, born June 22, 1891, head nurse at the Mud-Baden Baths, Jordan, Minn.; Frances, born December 21, 1892, now Mrs. Theodore W. Prail, of Walnut Grove; Albert, born January 3, 1895, a business college student at Minneapolis; Louis, born November 14, 1897, an automobile expert; Sadie, born February 20, 1899, a nurse at St. Peter, Minn.; and Roy, born July 13, 1901. The members of the family all belong to the German Lutheran church.

Anton Kramer, cashier of the State Bank of Lucan, was born February 6, 1879, in Stacyville township, Mitchell county, Iowa, son of Michael and Gertrude (Bernard) Kramer. He attended the common schools of his neighborhood and the Redwood Falls High school, next going to Mankato, where he attended the State Normal school one year. In 1900 he began as clerk in a store at Seaforth, Minn., and after a year went to Belview, where he clerked for two years. From 1904 to 1909 he operated a livery stable and bought stock at Lucan. October 4, 1909, he entered the State Bank of Lucan as cashier, which position he now holds. He is president of the village council and clerk of the school board. Mr. Kramer married Dora O. Norcutt, born in Granite Rock township, Redwood county, daughter of George W. and Julia (James) Norcutt. Mr. and Mrs. Kramer have the following children: Chloris, born August 29, 1908; Bernard, born December 26, 1909; Lyle, born October 24, 1911; and Lyndon, born November 21, 1914.

George W. Norcutt was born April 17, 1842, in Sycamore, Ill., and there attended school. In 1862 he enlisted in the 10th Minn. Vol. Inf.; took part in the defense against the Indians; in the fall of 1863 was detailed to St. Louis and from there went south; engaged in the Battle of Tocopola, Miss., and two days later the Battle of Nashville, Tenn.; was under fire for thirteen days at the Siege of Mobile but sustained no serious injury or sickness; and was honorably discharged September, 1865. Soon afterward he came to Waseca, Minn. In 1872 he went to Kansas and hunted buffalo. During the winter of 1872-73 he operated a blacksmith shop in Stockton, now the county seat of Brooks county, Kansas, his being the only shop in the whole county at that time. In 1875 he rented a farm. In 1881 he came to Redwood county, where he bought 160 acres in Morgan township and remained there for seven years. In 1888 he sold this and rented a farm in Granite Rock township, this county. In 1894 he bought 160 acres in section 21 and later added eighty acres of state land. When the railroad came through he sold sixty-seven acres of the 160 to the



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railroad for the townsite of Lucan. In 1912 he rented his farm and retired to Lucan. In the spring of 1916 he purchased one-half a section of land at Hedgesville, Mont., where he now resides. He was married January 1, 1886, to Julia James, born in Massachusetts. They had the following children: Richard, now on the old farm in Granite Rock township; Edward, a farmer in Tehama county, California; Izeta, Mrs. V. L. Petrie, who died March, 1915; A. D., a farmer of California; Dora, Mrs. Anton Kramer; Laura, Mrs. Louis Kartak, of Menahga, Minn.; and Frank, with his father at Hedgesville, Mont.

Charles H. Werring was born in Wisconsin, and was brought to this vicinity by his parents, who were among the first settlers west of New Ulm after the Indian outbreak. He farmed for many years in Home township, Brown county, but is now living at Sleepy Eye. His wife died in 1896 at the age of thirty-four years. There were five children in the family: Ross A., a veterinary surgeon at Kansas City; Wayne R., a Morgan attorney; Floyd F., a farmer in Home township, Brown county; Mildred, a teacher who graduated from the Sleepy Eye High school in 1909, and from the Academic department of the State University in 1914; and Elaine, at home.

Wayne R. Werring, L.L.B., attorney of Morgan, was born in Brown county, Minnesota, December 24, 1883, son of Charles H. and Maude (Brown) Werring. After passing through the schools of his neighborhood, he graduated from the Sleepy Eye High school and subsequently registered in the Law Department of the University of Minnesota, from which he was graduated in 1906. While a student there, he served as a member of the Athletic Board of Control for two years. Upon graduating from the University he was admitted to the bar, and in 1908 opened his professional office in Morgan, where he has developed a good practice. He is a Republican in politics and has been secretary of the Republican County Central Committee since 1911. Fraternally he is associated with the I. O. O. F. and the K. P. He is a member of the State Bar Association.

D. E. Lamb, for many years one of the substantial farmers of Sheridan township, was born in Dodge county, Wisconsin, October 2, 1860, son of De Witte W. and Jane (Farrand) Lamb, the former of whom was born in New York state, came to Wisconsin in 1858, and farmed there until his death in 1893 at the age of seventy-two years, his wife dying in 1895 at the age of sixty-six years. D. E. Lamb was reared to farm pursuits, and spent his early life in his native state. He first came to Redwood county in 1884 but a few years later he returned to Wisconsin. In the meanwhile, in 1887, he had purchased a farm of eighty acres in section 32, Sheridan township, onto which he moved about 1893. There he successfully farmed until his death, July 22, 1915. His business holdings

included stock in the Farmers' Grain & Fuel Co. at Seaforth, of which he was one of the directors. A believer in good roads, he did excellent service as road overseer, and his interest in education was demonstrated by his work as director of school district 12. Since his death, Mrs. Lamb has continued to operate the home farm. D. E. Lamb was married April 16, 1884, to Elizabeth Taber, born August 9, 1858, daughter of John and Charlotte (Smithers) Taber. Mr. Taber was born in England, came to Canada as a young man, and in 1869 located in Vail township, this county, where he farmed until 1906 when he moved to the state of Washington where he died in 1909 at the age of eighty years. Mrs. Taber now makes her home in Sioux City, Iowa, at the age of seventy-nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Lamb had the following children: Edna Alice, Minnie, Clinton, Ralph, Sarah and Leon. Edna Alice was born January 12, 1885, married Frank Hamilton, and died in 1907, leaving three children: Nellie, Mildred and George E. (deceased). Minnie was born February 2, 1891, married John Kramer, a farmer of Sheridan township, and has two children, Hazel and Viola. Clinton was born August 27, 1893 and Ralph was born September 12, 1896. Sarah was born March 2, 1897, graduated from the normal department of the Lamberton High school and is now teaching. Leon was born December 20, 1899.

Benjamin F. Fuller was born in Rome, N. Y., and engaged in the general merchandise business with his father in West Edmonston, N. Y. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted as first sergeant in Battery A, First New York Artillery, served three years in the army of the Potomac and was discharged as first lieutenant, taking part in the battles of Wilderness, Fair Oaks, and others, but receiving no serious wounds, though he had three horses shot from under him. After the war he was appointed clerk in the second auditor's office in the United States treasury department and served there 40 years until two months before his death, in February, 1903. He was a devoutly religious man, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and contributed to various religious journals, including the "Christian Advocate," of New York, and the "Methodist," of Baltimore. During the war he compiled a book of devotional instruction, which, together with his interesting diary, is now in the possession of his son. His wife, Emma E. Williams, was born in 1836 and died in 1890.

Robert E. Fuller, a leading citizen of Delhi township, was born in West Edmonston, New York, August 2, 1861, son of Benjamin F. and Emma E. (Williams) Fuller. He spent his youth on various farms and in 1882 entered into partnership with John A. Willard and established the West Lawn farm, near Mapleton, Minn., where they engaged in the breeding of Percheron horses, Shorthorn cattle and Poland-China swine. In 1900 Mr. Fuller sold his

interest there, and bought the south half of section 34, Delhi township, on which he has erected a modern ten-room house and other good farm buildings. Here he is now engaged in general farming and stock breeding. He has taken an active part in the affairs of the community, and has been treasurer of his school district. Fraternally he is affiliated with the A. F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F. and the M. W. A. Mr. Fuller was married March 22, 1882, to Phebe M. Sutherland, born on January 24, 1860, in Belmont, Wis., daughter of James and Hannah (Stephenson) Sutherland. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller have the following children: Lulu, Emma, Willard C., Benjamin F., and Robert E., Jr. Lulu was born November 21, 1884, married George F. Johnson, of Redwood county, and died May 12, 1906, leaving a twin boy and girl, born May 12, 1906. The boy, George Johnson, is now living with his grandfather, R. E. Fuller. Emma was born June 27, 1886, and died September 1, 1890; Willard C., born July 26, 1891, is a graduate of Hamline University; Benjamin F., born September 12, 1893, is a medical student at the Hamline University; Robert E., Jr., was born March 11, 1896, and is a graduate of the Redwood Falls high school. Mrs. Fuller is well known throughout this part of the state for the active part she takes in various civic organizations. A graduate of the Mankato Normal school, she was a teacher for eight years, and this experience stands her in good stead in all her activities. She is very enthusiastic in the work of the W. C. T. U., having been state superintendent for Minnesota of the department of Christian Citizenship and Legislation for twelve years and state superintendent of the department of Law Enforcement for fifteen years; also president for two years of District No. 6, composed of Redwood and Brown counties. She is president of John S. Marsh Corps, No. 74, W. R. C. She is also president of the Ladies' Cemetery Association, organized to care for the Redwood Falls cemetery. She is likewise a prominent member of the Eastern Star and has held all the chairs.

James Sutherland was born in Scotland, came to America, engaged in the general merchandise business for a while in New Brunswick, where he was a member of the General Assembly, and then spent four years in the gold mines of Australia, later coming to the United States and engaging in farming in Wisconsin. His wife, Hannah Stephenson, was born in New Brunswick, Canada, and died in 1864.

Monroe G. Reynolds, M. D., was born at Eliza, Ill., September 1, 1855, and after acquiring his preliminary education, entered the Rush Medical College, at Chicago, Ill., where he was graduated in 1882, after which he established himself as a practitioner in his native town. In addition to building up a large practice, he dealt heavily in real estate, became an extensive land owner, and secured a comfortable fortune. In 1910 he became interested in

Redwood county land and here purchased 800 acres, on which he planned to spend his declining years. But before he was able to carry into effect his plans for developing this property, he died at Redwood Falls, May 13, 1910. His wife, Emma Hartwig, was born at New Boston, Illinois, February 22, 1851, and died at Aledo, Ill., July 31, 1893.

Carl A. Reynolds, one of the enterprising and energetic citizens of Redwood county, was born at Eliza, Illinois, September 4, 1884, only son of Dr. Monroe G. and Emma (Hartwig) Reynolds. He acquired his preliminary education in the public schools, completed a course at the Western Military Academy at Upper Alton, Ill., in 1902, and then took a two-years' course in the Springfield (Ill.) Business College. March 1, 1910, he came to Redwood county, where he has since resided. His well-cultivated farm consists of 160 acres in section 33, Delhi township, and 200 acres in section 4, Redwood township, and here he carries on general farming along the latest approved lines, raising the customary grain crops, and making a specialty of Shorthorn cattle, Duroc-Jersey swine and Percheron horses. He has erected a number of modern buildings, and the whole place shows the progressive spirit of its owner, Mr. Reynolds' ambition being to develop as good a place as is to be found in the county. While Mr. Reynolds has not cared to mingle in public affairs, he did efficient service as a member of the school board in 1910. His fraternal affiliation is with the M. W. A. at Redwood Falls, and he is also a member of several other organizations. He was married September 13, 1905, to Irma Guthrie, born in Millersburg, Ill., January 27, 1884, daughter of George and Ida (Williams) Guthrie, and they have one son, Clifford, born June 22, 1906. George Guthrie, father of Mrs. Carl A. Reynolds, was born March 7, 1854, and is engaged in farming in Aledo, Ill. He married Ida Williams, born October 8, 1861. There were the following children: Irma, now Mrs. Carl A. Reynolds; Lyman, born October 13, 1886; Ralph, born July 18, 1888, killed in an automobile accident May 15, 1915, at Aledo, Ill.; and Adin, born February 18, 1897. Lyman and Adin are at home on the farm.

Andrew O. Gimmetstad, a leading citizen of Belview, is one of the foremost men of the county, and there are probably few men in the upper Minnesota valley whose interests are so varied, or whose influence is so widely extended, or whose work has meant so much in the building up of the region in which they have made their homes. Starting as a poor boy, with few advantages, and with little encouragement, he has established himself as public official, extensive land owner, and successful business man, and it is to his credit that his powerful influence has ever been exerted in behalf of those principles which he has believed to be right, even when his espousal of such principals has meant a

personal sacrifice. In spite of his prosperity, and the demands made upon him by his extensive interests, he is democratic and approachable, and when time permits, he likes nothing better than to leave his banking house and join in the labors of the tenants and employes on his various farms, especially during the harvest season. Through all his years of success he has not forgotten the struggles of his early years, and his delight is in speaking an encouraging word to any boy who is trying to make good under adverse circumstances. He was born at Gimmedstad in Gloppen, Nordfjord, Norway, August 5, 1865, son of Ole Mathiasson Gimmedstad and Eli Christenson (Mardal) Gimmedstad, who brought him to Swedes Forest township, this county, in 1876, arriving here on July 7. He had attended school to a certain extent in Norway, and this education he continued in the schoolhouse of District No. 5, near his home in Swedes Forest. His training was further perfected by courses in the Windom Institute, Montevideo, Minn., in 1889 and 1890, and in Beeman's College of Actual Business, Red Wing, Minn., in 1890 and 1891. In the meantime he has been working his own way by various lines of endeavor. He toiled on his father's farm, herded cattle, sold books, clerked in stores, bought wheat, acted as an agent for farm machinery, sold lands, and wrote insurance. These activities culminated in 1893 in the establishment of the Gimmedstad Land & Loan Agency, at Belview, an organization which is still in existence, and which is doing a good business. In 1905, with three others, he organized the Belview Mercantile Co., of which he was a member for eight years. His banking interests are extensive. In 1906 he secured control of the State Bank of Belview, of which he is now president; he helped incorporate the Delhi State Bank and was its president two years; he helped organize the Redwood County State Bank of Redwood Falls, and is one of its directors. In connection with his business career he has been executor or administrator and attended to the probating of over twenty estates. A thorough believer in co-operative effort, he was the main factor in organizing the Farmers Grain & Fuel Co. of Belview, was its first president and treasurer, and is now, and has at all times since its organization in 1900, been its treasurer and a member of the board of directors; he was president of the Belview Creamery Association a number of years; he was a member of the board of directors of the Redwood County Rural Telephone Co. for a time, and its president for two terms. Belview's two civic organizations have found in him an ardent supporter; he is president of the Belview Commercial Club, of which he has been a member since 1893, and he has been the only president of the Belview Automobile Club, which he assisted in organizing in 1913. His services in local township and village offices have been many. As justice of the peace for the village of Belview and township of

Kintire from 1892 to 1894, he gave general satisfaction. In one of these years he heard no less than seventy-six cases. He also performed several marriages. From 1894 to 1899 he was clerk of Kintire township. From 1894 to 1900 he was a member of the village council of Belview, and its president four years. Since 1895 he has served continuously as a member and treasurer of the Board of Education, and has recently been reelected for three more years. From 1906 to 1909 he was treasurer of the village. A Republican in politics, he was a member of the Seventh District Republican Congressional Committee for twelve years, and represented the district at the Republican National Convention at Chicago in 1908. Owning large tracts of land, and personally supervising his three farms of 720 acres near Belview, he is deeply interested in the agricultural welfare of the county, is an active member of the Redwood County Farmers' Club, and was a delegate from Minnesota to the First National Farm Land Congress held in Chicago in 1909. Although there lives no truer American than he, he nevertheless has many tender memories of the land of his birth, and has been an active member and is now treasurer of the Nordfjordlaget of America, an association of those who came from Nordfjord, Norway, and their descendants. In religion, a devout adherent of the Norwegian Lutheran faith, he has been treasurer of the church of that denomination in Belview since its organization in 1896. The Luther College Club, of Decorah, Iowa, the Gale College Club of Galesville, Wis., and the Home Finding Society of Chicago, all find him an active member. Mr. Gimmestad was married June 15, 1892, to Annie B. Hegdal, who was born in Swedes Forest township, December 14, 1870, daughter of Bent H. and Barbro (Bergseth) Hegdal, and this union has been blessed with nine children: Oscar, Ella B., Bertha, Bernhardt, Alfred, William, Evelyn, Agnes and Walter. Oscar was born January 4, 1893, graduated from Gale College at Galesville, Wis., and is now assistant cashier in the State Bank of Belview. Ella B. was born January 20, 1895, is a graduate of the State Normal School at Winona, and of the Ladies Luther Seminary at Red Wing, and is now a teacher in the public school at Vesta, Minn. Bertha was born January 5, 1897, graduated from the Ladies Luther Seminary at Red Wing, and is now a student at the Stout Institute, at Menomonie, Wis. Bernhardt was born September 25, 1898, and is now a student at St. Olaf College, at Northfield. Alfred was born April 27, 1902; William, August 11, 1905; Evelyn, April 13, 1908; Agnes, July 17, 1911, and Walter, November 13, 1914.

Ole M. Gimmestad was born at Gimmestad in Gloppen, Nordfjord, Norway, October 12, 1823, and was married June 22, 1850, to Eli Christensen Mardal, who was born August 9, 1826. They came to America in 1876 and located in Swedes Forest, this



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county. Their first farm consisted of 80 acres in section 20. Later they added 160 more in sections 18, 19 and 29. They achieved success by hard labor and were numbered among the most substantial people in the community. Mr. Gimmetstad died June 17, 1896, and his good wife passed away December 5 of the same year. In the family there were four children: Berte, Mathias, Christen and Andrew O.

Bent H. Hegdal was born in Nordfjord, Norway, and there married Barbro Bergseth. They came to America in 1869, and located in Swedes Forest, this county, first securing 80 acres, and later adding 160 acres more. Mr. Hegdal retired from active work in 1910 and moved to Belview, where he died April 12, 1915.

Christ Nielsen, a well known merchant of Revere, was born June 2, 1874, in Denmark. His father is a gardner and still lives in Denmark, and his mother died in 1912. Christ Nielsen came to the United States June 21, 1892, and located in Sleepy Eye, Minn., where he attended school and took a course in English to prepare himself for a business career. In the fall of 1892 he went to Sanborn, Minn., and was employed by Bendixen & Co. for six years. He then went to Lamberton, where he worked one year in a general store. In 1898 he returned to Denmark for a visit to his home and a year later returned to the United States. He next spent several months in New York City attending the Eagan School of Business, and he then went to Wanda in Redwood county, where he became manager of the first general store in the town, owned by Schrader & Co. of Sanborn. After six months he left Wanda to accept a position as salesman for Pattridge Bros. of Tracy, Minn., which position he held for nine years. He was also at Tyler and Russell for a short time. In the fall of 1910 he came to Revere and bought his present store, stock and building, succeeding Matt. Miesen. Mr. Nielsen is a progressive business man and has won and held the respect of the people of the community by his integrity and high character. He has been an earnest temperance worker and has always used his influence to promote good morals and sobriety among the people where he has lived. He was secretary of the Farmers Elevator Company of Revere for the first year of its existence. Mr. Nielsen was married in 1903 to Nellie Johnson, born May 15, 1874, Skåne, Sweden, daughter of Bengt Johnson, who came to America in 1885, settling first in Lyon county, Minnesota, and later in Murray county, Minnesota, where he died in 1914 at the age of eighty years, his wife having died many years before. Mr. and Mrs. Nielsen have four children: Alvin, born in 1904; Walter, born in 1906; Gertrude, born in 1908, and Charles, born in 1909.

Earl J. Hoagland, who, with his brother Frank L., owns and edits the Lamberton "Star," was born at Marshall, Minn., October 5, 1882, son of James F. and Agnes (Marshall) Hoagland.

He passed through the common and high schools of Marshall, and has since been in business with his brother, first in St. Paul under the name of the Hoagland Printing Co., then in Westbrook, Minn., where they issued the "Sentinel," and later in Lamberton, where they succeeded E. M. Wilson of the "Star." Mr. Hoagland is a Mason, and is also associated with other organizations. He was married May 3, 1904, to Beatrice Watson, born at Marshall, Minn., daughter of Fred J. and Cynthia (Moffett) Watson, the former of whom is a building contractor at St. Paul.

Frank L. Hoagland, who, with his brother, Earl J., owns and edits the Lamberton "Star," was born at Marshall, Minn., February 8, 1888, son of James F. and Agnes (Marshall) Hoagland. He passed through the common and high schools of Marshall, and also attended the Hamline University, since which time he has been in business with his brother. Like him, he is a member of the Masonic order and of other organizations.

James F. Hoagland was born in Pennsylvania, May 13, 1856, came to Lyon county, this state, as a boy, and followed farming until 1889, when he entered the employ of the Marshall Milling Co. He married Agnes Marshall, who was born in London, England, June 16, 1862. They have four children: Earl J. and Frank L., editors of the Lamberton "Star"; Claude, of Marshall; and Robert, of Devils Lake, N. D.

James E. Neil, scientific agriculturist, was born in Long Grove, Scott county, Iowa, October 4, 1886, son of John F. and Caroline (Brandt) Neil. He was reared to farm pursuits by his father, passed through the common schools, graduated from the Augustana College Academy, at Rock Island, Ill., in 1907, and from the Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa, in 1911. January 1, 1912, he became an agent in the Farm Extension Bureau of the University of Minnesota. His work in this capacity won him favorable attention, and on November 1, 1913, he was tendered the position of County Agricultural Agent of Redwood county. During the years he held this position he was a factor in several distinct forward movements in Redwood county agriculture. The office was discontinued in the summer of 1916, and Mr. Neil is now devoting his time to various lines of agricultural work. His work here has won him many friends, he has established himself as one of the masters in his chosen profession, and a brilliant future is assured him. The influence of his labors will continue to grow, though the abolishing of his office has retarded the fruition of many of the results which were on the eve of being realized. Mr. Neil is the author of the scholarly article on Redwood County Agriculture which appears in this history. He was married August 2, 1913, to Edith C. Otto, born September 2, 1885, daughter of William H. and Emma (Edgar) Otto, and



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they have one child, Lantha D., born February 19, 1915. John F. Neil, father of James F. Neil, was born April 25, 1858, and was married May 27, 1884, to Caroline Brandt, born October 10, 1857. Their children were: Alma, born March 5, 1885; James E.; and Mary J. and Charles F., born September 13, 1889, all of whom are on the home farm except James E. William H. Otto, father of Mrs. James E. Neil, was born in Pennsylvania, September 12, 1845, and is now a retired farmer of Ames, Iowa. He married Emma Edgar, born in Iowa, August 6, 1854. Their children were: Ira E., manager of the College book store, Ames, Iowa; Wilber W., manager of the Park Davis branch, New York; Grace M., wife of G. L. Clayton, in the railway service; Edith C., wife of J. E. Neil; Iva D., now wife of F. C. Waples, real estate dealer of Manchester, Iowa; Ada F., wife of Rev. W. L. Patterson, a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal church, Arthur, Iowa.

Fred Deike, an enterprising and successful farmer of Sheridan township, was born near Chicago, Ill., April 27, 1860, son of Frederick and Mary (Gathman) Deike. He was reared on the home place, and there remained until several years after attaining his majority. About 1885 he came to Redwood county, and purchased 320 acres of wild prairie land in the southeast quarter of section 1, and the northeast quarter of section 12, Sheridan township, which farm he has since increased to 480 acres, 400 acres of which are under cultivation. Valuable features of the place are a tract of 135 acres in clover and timothy, and an orchard of four acres, as well as extensive groves. On this place, Mr. Deike carries on general farming along the latest approved lines, and makes a specialty of feeding Poll-Angus cattle, grade swine and Shropshire sheep for the markets. Holding, as he does, the esteem and respect of his neighbors, he has served as justice of the peace for six years and has been a director of school district 61 for twelve years. Mr. Deike was married April 9, 1885, to Louise Helberg, born April 12, 1862, at Schaumburg, Cook county, Illinois, daughter of William and Louisa (Mensing) Helberg. Mr. and Mrs. Deike have had twelve children: Edward, Fredericka (deceased), William, Arthur, Mathilda, Albert, Walter, George (deceased), Fred, Katherine, Theodore and Louis.

Frederick Deike was born in Germany the others in his family being: Henry, who died in Germany; Christian, who died in Rice county, Minnesota; Mary (deceased), Mrs. Henry Barnstedt, of Rice county, Minnesota; William, who was killed in the Civil war; and Louise, now Mrs. Henry Kiecher, of Itasca, Dupage county, Illinois. Frederick Deike came to America in 1855 and located in Cook county, Illinois, where he lived until his death in 1897 at the age of seventy-six years. He married

Mary Gathman, who now lives in Ontarioville, Ill., and their children are: Fred, of Sheridan township, this county; Henry (deceased); William, of Rice county, Minnesota; Herman, of Arlington Heights, Ill.; Edward, of Franklin Park, Ill.; Ernest, of Cook county, Illinois; and Caroline, now Mrs. William Esau, of Aberdeen, S. D.

William Helberg was born in Germany, the others in his family being: Mary, who married William Grote; William, Fred, Dorathea, who married John Koeling; Henry, Louis, and Sophia, who married Jacob Bushard, all except the youngest, Sophia, being now deceased. William Helberg came to America in 1845, and located in Cook county, Illinois, where he died in 1901 at the age of seventy-eight years. He married Louisa Mensing, who died in 1895, at the age of seventy-two years. Their children were: Henry (deceased); Frank, of Elgin, Ill.; Margaret (deceased), who married Henry Mensing; Sophia, who married Gerhard Greve and lives on the Helberg farm in Cook county, Illinois; Louise, now Mrs. Fred Deike; and Emma (deceased).

Charles J. Scott, a proficient farmer of Delhi township, was born December 18, 1866, in Northfield, Minn., son of Elias and Lucia (Erwin) Scott. His father was born in Ohio in 1837 and died in Renville county, Minnesota, in 1902, and his mother was born in New York state in 1846 and is now living in Renville county. The father was a farmer and came to Renville county in 1875, where he bought 240 acres of land and farmed there until he moved to Renville in 1898. The following children were born to these parents: Charles J.; Mabel, of Renville county; Earl, living in Montana; Effie, Mrs. Fred Tibbets of Delhi; Fred, of Renville county; Frank, of Fargo, N. D.; and Arthur, of Fargo, N. D. Charles J. Scott attended public school until fifteen years of age. He also attended Cogan's Academy at Sauk Center, Minn., and spent one year at Curtis Business College, Minneapolis. At the age of twenty-eight years he came to Redwood county and bought 160 acres of land in section 6, Delhi township. There was a small house and barn on the place at the time. In 1900 he built an eight-room modern house and also a granary. In 1915 he built a machine shed, two corn cribs, a hog house and hen house. He set out a grove of trees and has about thirty apple trees. He has also done considerable fencing and tiling. He has increased his farm to 204 acres and carries on diversified farming. He keeps from twenty-five to thirty grade Shorthorn cattle a year, about fifty head of Duroc Jersey swine, and from six to eight Percheron horses. He raises some grain, having fifty acres of wheat, forty acres of oats and seventy acres of corn this year, and is increasing his corn and diminishing his wheat acreage every year, raising white and yellow dent corn. Besides farming he has operated a thrasher for ten years, was em-

ployed on the C., M. & St. L. Railway for six months and has worked in the woods a year. Mr. Scott is a Republican in politics and has served on the township board for six years, and was justice of peace of Delhi township from 1900 to 1910. He has been president of the school board for district No. 18 for five years and is director and stockholder of the Farmers' Grain and Fuel Company at Delhi. Fraternally he is affiliated with the I. O. O. F. at Redwood Falls. He is a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Scott was married September 4, 1894, to Mary Gaffney, who was born November 6, 1871, in Flora township, Renville county, daughter of James and Mary (Powers) Gaffney, farmers of Renville county, now deceased. There were ten children in the family: George, deceased; Annie, deceased; Edward, of Renville county; Catherine, Mrs. John Anderson, of Washington; Nellie, deceased; John, of North Dakota; James, of Delhi township; Frank, of North Dakota; Joseph, deceased; and Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Scott have nine children: Guy, born in 1896; Percy, born in 1898; Gladys, born in 1899; Earl, born in 1901; Howard, born in 1903; Stanley, born in 1905; Inez, born in 1907; Geneva, born in 1909; and Dorothy, born in 1914.

Charles Church Little, a progressive farmer of Delhi, was born October 19, 1857, at Scottsville, Albemarle county, Virginia, son of Theodore and Sarah (Bragg) Little. His father was born in Massachusetts in 1818 and died January, 1903, and his mother was born in Massachusetts, August 26, 1824, and died January 10, 1899. They were married September 30, 1846, in Tecumseh, Michigan, where Mrs. Little had moved with her parents at an early age. Theodore Little went to Virginia when a young man and for thirteen years was in the drug business. He also patented, manufactured and sold a medicine called "Little White Oil," which he sold in twenty-three states of the union. For several years before the Civil war he was captain of a United States government packet boat on the James river canal. He also owned and operated a woolen mill at Scottsville, Va., which was burned down by General Sheridan's troops in 1864, the general thinking his father a southern sympathizer. General Sheridan also made his headquarters in Mr. Little's house for several days. Because of losses sustained at the time of the war, Mr. Little lost a fortune of \$80,000. In 1865 Theodore Little moved to Bowens Prairie, Ia., where he lived on his father's farm. In 1890 he moved to Spencer, Clay county, Iowa, and lived there the rest of his life. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Little were the parents of eight children, of whom five are now living. Charles C. Little acquired his early education in the schools of his neighborhood and finished his education at Davenport, Iowa, Business College. Then he engaged in the poultry business at Cascade, Ia., for four years. He also operated a cheese factory

and creamery at Spencer, Ia. In 1881, after making a trip to Denver, Colo., he went to Clay county, Iowa, and worked on a farm there owned by his father. In 1902 he bought his present farm and made many improvements thereon, but did not live there himself until 1908, renting it out in the meanwhile. During these six years he was engaged in the dairy business at Redwood Falls, Minn. He carries on diversified farming and intends to make several improvements in the near future, including the tiling of 150 acres and the building of a new house and machine shed. In politics a Democrat, Mr. Little has served on the school board for one year. He is a member of the Masonic lodge at Spencer, Ia. December 17, 1884, Mr. Little was united in marriage to Margaret Jones, born October 8, 1856, near Rockford, Ill., daughter of William and Elizabeth (Pells) Jones. Her father was born in Wales May 18, 1810, and came to Canada with his parents. He studied at Boston, Mass., and began practice as a physician in Illinois. He died August 20, 1879. His wife was born in Dunkirk, N. Y., September 23, 1823. The Johnsons and Lathrops from whom she was descended were prominent in the early history of New York, an uncle, Dr. Ebenezer Johnson, being the first mayor of Buffalo. She died October 19, 1905, having made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Little, since 1886. There were five children in the family, of whom two are now living. Mrs. Little is a member of the Eastern Star, Charity Chapter No. 35, having served as Worthy Matron and secretary of said chapter. She is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Redwood Falls, Minn. Mr. and Mrs. Little have two children: Theodore W. and Maude I. Theodore W., born July 15, 1886, graduated from the Redwood Falls High School and spent one year at Lawrence College, Appleton, Wis., and is now teaching school near Forsyth, Mont. He belongs to Lodge No. 91, A. F. & A. M., of Redwood Falls and to the Royal Arch Chapter at Forsyth, Mont. Maude I., born July 25, 1889, studied in the Redwood Falls high school and the State Normal school at Winona. She is a member of the Eastern Star Lodge.

Clarence A. Johnson, editor of the Belview Independent, was born April 22, 1884, in Minneapolis, Minn., son of Arthur B. and Mabel (Emory) Johnson. The father, Arthur B. Johnson, born in Elgin, Illinois, March 25, 1855, came to Minnesota with his parents, locating at Farmington and later at Minneapolis. In 1881 he came to Redwood county, where he rented a farm one and a half miles east of Seaforth, in which village he now lives. He was married, November 15, 1883, to Mabel Emory, who was born February 21, 1858, in Meeker county, and died in Philadelphia, December 26, 1903. Clarence A. Johnson remained at home until he was sixteen years of age. He studied telegraphy in the railroad office at Seaforth, but later gave it up and worked in

the 'Seaforth "Item" office under G. R. Tuttle. Later he was employed at Belview, Vesta and Sanborn. June 1, 1905, he left Redwood county for the Pacific coast and was gone about six years. After his return he worked in St. Paul, Duluth and Chicago. Returning to Minnesota in 1914, he, with his brother, Lovel, leased the plant of the Belview "Independent" from Otto Flom, the brother remaining until the following November. In the following spring, Clarence A. bought the plant and has since been its proprietor and editor of the paper, a bright and newsy weekly. He also runs the plant as a job printing office. April 17, 1915, Clarence A. Johnson was married to Sophia G. Martin, who was born in Swedes Forest township, this county, in 1891, daughter of John and Turina (Rennevammen) Martin. He and his wife have one child, Maurice Lovel Johnson, who was born February 11, 1916.

John Martin was born in Sweden in 1847 and came to America in 1868, locating in Carver county, Minnesota, where he remained one year. In 1869 he bought 80 acres of land in Delhi township, but failed to make the necessary payments and lost it. He then returned to Carver, Carver county. In 1880 he came to Swedes Forest township, Redwood county, and bought 160 acres in section 31. He put in a crop, but the grasshoppers ruined it and he returned to Carver for the winter and cut wood. The next spring he returned to Swedes Forest and put in another crop, which the grasshoppers also destroyed. Undaunted, however, he held on to his land. In 1891 he became the agent of the Great Western Grain Company, a Minneapolis firm, at Belview and continued in this position until 1898. He built the Independent Elevator, which is now known as the Farmers Grain & Fuel Co. He continued to add to his holdings until he owned 2,170 acres of land in Swedes Forest, Delhi, Vesta and Kintire townships. In 1898 he built a fine house in Belview costing \$6,000. A hard worker, Mr. Martin raised himself from comparative poverty to a position of affluence. He was influential in getting the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway to locate a station at Belview. February 9, 1900, he died while yet in middle life, his loss being deeply deplored by his numerous friends. Mr. Martin was married in 1880, at Beaver Falls, Renville county, Minnesota, to Turina Rennevammen, who was born December 18, 1861, in Fillmore county, Minnesota, and who is now making her home at Parkland, Washington. Their children were Mathilda, Ida, Frank, Oscar, Sophia, John, Charles, Otto and Henry.

Daniel W. Banker, now owner of a fine apple and fruit ranch in Oregon, was born in Clinton county, New York, December 15, 1842, son of Elias and Mary (Morrison) Banker. When he was but four years old his father died in New York State at the age of forty-eight years, and the wife and children came to Minne-

sota in 1851. She died at Maple Grove, Minn., about 1904. They were the parents of eight children. Daniel W. Banker was brought up on the farm and in his youth attended the public schools. At the age of twenty years he began industrial life as clerk in the store of N. Crockett at Osseo, Minn., and was thus occupied for one year. Then for two months he was on a farm in Anoka county, returning subsequently to his home at Maple Grove, Hennepin county. In 1871 Mr. Banker rented a farm near Osseo for three years. The next year he drove the stage from Maple Grove to Monticello and from 1875 to 1878 he was farming and running a mill. Coming to Redwood county in 1878, he rented land for three and a half years. In 1882 he again came to Redwood county and worked by the year until 1884. That year he purchased a farm near Marshall, Minn., which he operated for a year and a half, and then rented his land to his brother-in-law and worked out for about five years. After that he purchased 160 acres of land in Paxton township, and a year later added another 160 acres, making an excellent farm of 320 acres, located in sections 21 and 28, which property he still owns. On it he made extensive improvements, including all necessary buildings and there followed diversified farming. He made a specialty of breeding fine draft horses, having an imported Percheron sire. Mr. Banker was also prominent in local affairs. He served as supervisor and chairman of the town board and also on the school board. He cast his first presidential ballot in 1868 for General U. S. Grant and has been an ardent worker in the Republican party ever since. He continued to live on his farm until 1911, when he removed to Oregon, where he is now engaged in fruit ranching. Daniel W. Banker was married December 24, 1871, to Ellen M. Pike, who was born in Essex county, Massachusetts, August 21, 1853. Mrs. Banker traces her ancestors back to Major Robert Pike, who was born in 1615, became a member of the Massachusetts colony in 1635, and there died at the age of ninety-two years. In his family of eight children, Robert, the second in order of birth, was the ancestor in direct line of Mrs. Banker. Her grandparents, Caleb and Mary (Pike) Pike, who were second or third cousins, were natives of the Old Bay State and there both died. Her parents, Moses K. and Emma J. (Barnard) Pike, were also natives of that state, born in Essex county, the former September 24, 1839. The father came to Maple Grove, Minn., in 1866, and here purchased a partially improved farm, which six years later he sold. He then settled near Northfield, this state, where he died from the effects of a kick from a horse, April 1, 1896. He had long survived his wife, who died January 1, 1867. In their family there were four children. Mrs. Banker was educated in the district schools and remained at home until her marriage to Mr. Banker. Of this union two chil-

dren were born: Fred M., August 28, 1873, and Emma M., August 18, 1878. Both acquired a good education in the schools of Redwood Falls, Fred finishing his studies in the high school of Minneapolis. He is now a representative business man and farmer of Redwood Falls. Emma M. is now Mrs. Raleigh E. Jennings of Long Beach, Cal. The family worship at the Presbyterian church.

Fred M. Banker, manager of the stock yards at Redwood Falls, was born August 28, 1873, in Osseo, Minn., son of Daniel W. and Nellie (Pike) Banker. He completed his studies in a Minneapolis high school and then worked with his father until 1907, when he entered into partnership with C. E. Lamberton operating a bus line in Redwood Falls. In the fall of 1909 he became a partner with his brother-in-law, A. M. Dennistoun in the stock and farming business and bought his present farm of 220 acres on the outskirts of Redwood Falls. Mr. Banker, being the manager, lives on the farm. They now have five acres of stock yards and are extensive buyers, feeders and shippers of cattle, swine and horses, keeping also on hand several full blooded Durham cattle, Percheron horses and Duroc Jersey and Poland China swine. Besides stock raising they carry on farming and have an acreage of 290 acres of corn, 30 of wheat and 110 of oats. There is a modern six-room cottage on the farm and many substantial farm buildings: two barns, 36 by 60 feet each; one 24 by 40 feet; one 16 by 40 feet, and another 26 by 80 feet; a scale house, 16 by 18 feet, and a silo, 18 by 36, with a capacity of 200 tons, and three corn cribs with a capacity of 800 bushels, all improvements having been made by the owners. Besides this farm, Mr. Banker is also owner of 160 acres in section 21, Paxton township, 40 acres in section 11, Redwood Falls township, and has an interest in 40 acres in section 19, Paxton township. Mr. Banker is stockholder and director of the Farmers Elevator Company at Redwood Falls and stockholder in the Rural Telephone Company. In politics he is a Republican and has served as treasurer of the township board of Paxton township for three years. He is a member of the Masonic lodge and also of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Banker was married Oct. 25, 1899, to Margaret Dennistoun, who was born in July, 1876, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Dennistoun of Paxton township. They have one child, Horace, born June 21, 1908.

Mathias Christensen, was born in Denmark. Upon coming to America, he lived in Stearns county, this state, some eight years, and then located in Walsh county, North Dakota, in the Red River Valley, where he secured a homestead. About nine years later he came to Brookville township, this county, and bought 400 acres of land, where he farmed until 1900, when he retired and erected a house on a tract of 80 acres, where he still lives. Mr. Christensen married Christina Johnson and they had four

children. Matilda is now Mrs. C. H. Frederiksen. Ole, Christian, and Karen, who is now Mrs. James Jenson, occupy different portions of the home farm.

Lars Frederiksen, for some years a citizen of Sundown township, was born in Denmark in 1836, and there married Lena Johannesen, who was born in 1839. They came to the United States in 1881, and found their way to Sleepy Eye, Brown county, this state, and starting with a capital of \$300 secured four cows and two oxen and squatted on a piece of land. Two years later they purchased 40 acres in the same vicinity. They were not entirely satisfied with the place, however, and so they sold out and secured 80 acres in Sundown township, this county. Working together with a will, the family erected a house 20 by 24 feet and a barn, 26 by 40 feet, and built up a good dairy business. Mr. Frederiksen died in 1890 and his wife on Christmas eve, 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Frederiksen have had eight children: Tena (deceased), Christian H., Regine (deceased), Adolph, Mollie, Peter, Laura and Harry. Tena married H. J. Rasmussen. They came to America in 1877, located in Salt Lake City, became affiliated with the Mormon faith, and had eight children. She died in March, 1898. Christian H. lives in Sundown township. Regine died in Denmark in January, 1913. Adolph is practicing law at Springfield, Minn. Mollie is the wife of James Peterson, a farmer of Norma, N. D. Peter is a farmer of Brookville township. Laura is the wife of Jorgen Rasmussen, a farmer of Norma, N. D. Harry is a farmer of Norma, North Dakota.

Christian H. Frederiksen, farmer and stock raiser of Sundown township, was born in Denmark, May 14, 1862, son of Lars and Lena (Johannesen) Frederiksen. He came to America with his parents in 1881 and lived with them in Brown and Redwood counties. In 1888 he purchased 120 acres of state land in section 12, Sundown township. To this he has since added a number of tracts among which may be mentioned 160 acres in section 1, Sundown, purchased in 1892; 160 acres in section 19, Morgan township, purchased in 1901, and 160 acres in section 13, Three Lakes township, purchased in 1907. On his original place in section 12 he has made many modern improvements, including a sightly home, erected in 1911. Mr. Frederiksen carries on general farming, and makes a specialty of stock feeding, a business in which he has been extensively engaged for some twenty years. Active in public affairs, he is president of the Redwood County Bureau of Agriculture, and is clerk of school district 86, which he helped to organize. For ten years he did service as county commissioner, resigning in 1914; he is also township clerk of Sundown township. Mr. Frederiksen has engaged in the process of transforming the raw prairie into a model farming community, with all facilities for pleasant rural living. Mr. Frederiksen was married August 2,



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1892, to Matilda Christensen, who was born in Minnesota, 1872. This union has been blessed with eleven children: Louis B., born March 15, 1894; Elmer M., September 10, 1895; Pearl, April 24, 1898; Ethel, born September 9, 1900 and died January 5, 1916; Andrew V., born July 16, 1902; Richard C., born March 12, 1904; Allen D., born March 25, 1906; Harry W., born April 5, 1908; Florence, May 11, 1910; Alice, March 11, 1913, and Raymond, March 10, 1915.

Charles Lund, a pioneer farmer of Johnsonville township, now retired, was born in Sweden, July 7, 1848, son of Magnus Johnson and Helen Johnson, both of whom were natives of Sweden and died in that country. He acquired his education in his native land, and was brought up to farming, which occupation he followed until coming to America in 1868. Locating in Carver county, Minnesota, he found employment in the harvest fields and on the railroad until 1872. He then came to Redwood county and took a pre-emption claim of 160 acres. Paying for 80 acres of it, he homesteaded the other 80 acres, located in section 34, Johnsonville township. His farm then consisted of wild prairie land and he was the first settler in that part of the county. Mr. Lund at once got busy. Hauling lumber by ox team from New Ulm, he built his first residence—a small and unpretentious dwelling, consisting of a dugout with a shanty over it, began breaking the land and planted two acres of grove. Before long he increased his holdings by the addition of 80 acres of railroad land, by which time he had 240 acres all in one farm. After residing in his primitive dwelling for five years, he built a frame house, which he has since twice rebuilt, and in addition to a commodious residence he now has a fine barn and outbuildings. He followed general farming until 1914, and, although, in common with the other pioneer settlers, he had to endure many hardships and misfortunes in early days, he persevered until better days came and rewarded him with a fair measure of prosperity. In 1914 Mr. Lund rented his farm to his son and retired from active labor, going to reside at Walnut Grove in a house which he had previously purchased. During his active career he found time to participate more or less in public affairs, served as chairman of the town board for several years and was treasurer of school district No. 19 for about sixteen years. He is a stockholder in the Building and Loan Association and in the Walnut Grove State Bank, of which he is one of the directors. His religious affiliations are with the Swedish Lutheran church. Mr. Lund was married in November, 1872, to Anne Charlotte Swenson, who was born in Sweden, April 21, 1856, and who came to America in 1861. They have been the parents of eleven children, of whom the three eldest, John, Anton and Edward, are now deceased. The survivors are: Esther, now Mrs. Jens Nickolsen, postmistress at Revere; Laura, who is the widow of Nels

Pehrson; Hanna, who married Olle B. Dahlgren, a merchant of Walnut Grove; Anna, wife of Albert Dahlgren of Gales township; Edward, who resides on the old homestead; and Minnie, Hathe and Arthur, who reside at home.

Henry C. Engeman, manager of the Farmers Grain and Fuel Company at Delhi, Minn., was born March 27, 1872, in Renville county, Minnesota, son of Henry and Anna (Gaffney) Engeman. The father, born in Germany, came to America in 1862, locating in 1865 in Renville county, where he farmed for many years. He died in 1911, when nearly ninety years of age. After coming west he was married in Renville county to Anna Gaffney a native of New York State, who died in 1881. Eight children were born to bless this union of whom seven are living: J. H., of Silverton, Ore.; G. C., of Excelsior, Minn.; Henry C., of Delhi, Minn.; Lena, now Mrs. E. Pomery, of Kalispell, Mont.; Emma, now Mrs. T. D. O'Neil, also of Kalispell, Mont.; Anna, now Mrs. Martin Kohls, of Omemee, N. D.; Frank, of Hancroft, B. C. The one deceased is Sophia, who was the eldest of the family. Henry C. Engeman completed his education in the schools of Renville county and in 1895 came to Redwood Falls, where he farmed for two years. He then moved to Delhi and became the manager of the Great Western Elevator, which position he held for six years. July 30, 1903, the Farmers Grain and Fuel Company was organized and he became a stockholder in it and also its manager. The company started out with a capital of \$10,000. There were eighteen incorporators, all leading men of Delhi and vicinity. Under the wise and efficient management of Mr. Engeman the company has grown and prospered and shows promise of great prosperity in the future. In 1912 Mr. Engeman entered into partnership with Mr. F. G. Tibbetts in the farm implement business, under the firm name of Tibbetts & Engeman. The firm is doing a large business in the community and neighboring country. In politics Mr. Engeman is a staunch Democrat and has held office in the village of Delhi, having been clerk of the village council four years and trustee of the council for four years. He is affiliated with Lodge No. 64, I. O. O. F. at Redwood Falls, and he and his family are all devout members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Engeman was married in April, 1898, to Nellie Steel, who was born November 12, 1879, in Canada, daughter of Robert and Jane (Wilson) Steel. Her father was a farmer, born in Scotland, who came to Minnesota and settled in Redwood county in 1888 and died in 1913. Her mother is still living and resides at Chisholm, Minn. They were the parents of eight children, all living at home. Mr. and Mrs. Engeman have five children: Robert, Erwin, Gerald, Clifford and Leonard.

Clifton E. Reynolds, manager of the Lamberton Block and Tile Company, was born April 27, 1859, at Decorah, Iowa, son of

Johnathan T. and Caroline (Knowlton) Reynolds. The father, born in New York State, died July 7, 1896, at St. Paul, where he had been engaged in the coal, feed and street sprinkling business. The faithful mother died in 1873 at Decorah, Iowa. There were five children in the family: Constantine, Clifton, Carrie M. (now Mrs. Marion A. Mace), Herbert N. and Arthur. Clifton E. Reynolds finished his education in the common school and learned the trades of plasterer and bricklayer at St. Paul, to which place his father had moved some years before. In 1892 he moved to Redwood Falls and later to Belview. In 1895 he came to Lamberton and was engaged in the contracting business here until 1913, when he took his present position as manager of the Lamberton Block and Tile Company, in which company he is also shareholder. He is independent in politics and fraternally is associated with the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Reynolds was married, May 26, 1888, to Amelia Hass, who was born at Kiel, Germany, September 28, 1863, daughter of Phillip and Antje (Arp) Hass. Her father is now living in the Island of Laalland, Denmark, he and his family having moved from Kiel, Germany, to Denmark in 1864. He was general manager of a very large grain and stock farm for over forty years. His wife, mother of Mrs. Reynolds, died in Denmark, January 17, 1910. Their daughter Amelia was the only member of the family to come to America, which she did in 1886. She has in Denmark two brothers and one sister—Edward, Frederick and Emma. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds have one child, Phillip C., who was born October 5, 1890, at St. Paul, Minn. He was graduated from the Lamberton high school in 1909 and from Hamline University in 1913. He is now special agent at the State Labor Bureau and is also studying law at the St. Paul College of Law.

Jens B. Hansen, a farmer of Morgan township, was born in Denmark, January 5, 1860, son of Hans Oleson and Anna Christine Jensen. The father, a worker in wooden ware, and also the owner of a small farm in Denmark, died in 1884 at the age of seventy-five years, and his wife died in 1914 at the age of eighty-one years. They had two children, Nels and Jens B. Nels is still living in Denmark, following the trade of his father. Jens B. Hansen, after completing his schooling, also took up his father's trade. In 1892 he came to America with his wife and three children and located in Morgan township, Redwood county, Minnesota, on some wild prairie land which he used for grazing. Here he built a small frame house, 14 by 16, and a barn. He had three horses and bought three cows. One of the latter he sold in order to get feed for his horses and another he killed for his own use. He also had some chickens. The nearest milling place was Golden Gate. After living here with his family for eight and a half years, Mr. Hansen rented another farm for one year. In 1900 he bought 120 acres of

his present farm, to which he has since added 40 acres more. By hard work and thrift he has improved and developed the place and become a very successful farmer. He is also interested in the Farmers Elevator, of Morgan, and in the Farmers Creamery. Religiously he is connected with the Danish Lutheran church. When he first came to this county the nearest church of this denomination was the "Fredsmindee Danish Lutheran Church" of Brookville township, eleven miles away, to which he used to drive with his family on Sunday in a rude box sled which he had constructed. In 1904 the Betania Danish Lutheran church was built in Morgan township and the Hansons have attended this church ever since. Mr. Hanson was one of the organizers of it and a member of the building committee. He was also its first president, and, with the exception of one year, has held that position ever since. His wife has been very active in the Sunday school work, the Sunday school having been started the year before the church was built, and held in the schoolhouse, and she was both the first teacher and the first superintendent. Mr. Hansen was married in Denmark, July 26, 1884, to Mary Christina Johansen, who was born in Denmark, October 25, 1861, daughter of John Nelson and his wife, Carrie Oleson, the parents being farmers. The mother died in Denmark and the father, with the children—Stena, Hannah, Lars Peter, Lena and Mary Christina—came to America in 1890 and located at Albert Lea, Minn., where he engaged in farming. He came to Redwood county in 1894 and located in Morgan township where he now lives. The family faith is that of the Danish Lutheran church. Mr. and Mrs. Hansen have had five children: Alfred, Walter and Olga, born in Denmark, and Anna and Victor, born in Morgan township, Redwood county, Minnesota. Alfred, whose birth date was May 9, 1885, and who resides in Morgan township, married Minnie Hensen and has one child, Ruth. Walter was born June 26, 1886. Olga, born September 1, 1889, married Harry Shoemaker. Anna was born February 3, 1893, and Victor, January 25, 1896.

Simon E. Rekedal a substantial farmer of Granite Rock township, was born in Norway, August 28, 1873, and was there reared. In 1892 he came to America, and after living a few months in Echo, this state, secured employment as a farm assistant in Redwood county. Four years later, in 1896, he bought 80 acres in section 5, Granite Rock township. In 1901 he secured 160 acres more in section 6. To the development of this farm he has since devoted his attention. He planted a grove, set out a good orchard of apple, plum and cherry trees, and a good-sized berry patch, and brought the farm to a high degree of improvement. His home originally built in 1903 was rebuilt and remodeled in 1913. His roomy barn, erected in 1905, was struck by lightning and destroyed in 1907, but undaunted by this disaster he built his present



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barn, a large structure with a full cement basement, in 1914. Mr. Rekedal was married March 21, 1903, to Hilda Dahl, born July 31, 1881, in Norway, and this union has been blessed with seven children: Bertha, born January 11, 1904; Melvin, born September 29, 1905; Elias, born December 31, 1907; Helen, born April 29, 1910; Ella, born October 27, 1912; Ruth, born May 29, 1915, died June 18, 1915, and Ralph, born May 11, 1916. Simon E. Rekedal is the oldest son of Elias and Bertha (Riise) Rekedal, who still live in Norway, the other children in the family being Christian, Ellen, Martin, John, Albert and Peter. Mrs. Simon E. Rekedal is the daughter of Martin and Hannah Dahl. Martin Dahl was born in Norway May 30, 1855, came to America in 1884, worked in Sacred Heart, Renville county, this state, until 1891, and then purchased 120 acres of land in Vesta township, this county. He and his good wife had eight children: Hilda, Magnus, Sina, Carl, Benjamin, Minnie, Helen and Mabel.

Frank W. Hoepner, a successful farmer of Delhi township, was born in Germany, December 20, 1879, son of Gottfried and Minnie (Fredrick) Hoepner. He came to America with his parents in 1884, settling in New Ulm, Brown county, Minnesota. In 1887 they moved to Fairfax, Renville county, and in 1891 to North Redwood, Redwood county, locating in Honner township. The mother died June 3, 1899, and is buried in the cemetery at Redwood Falls. There were five children in the family: Frank W., Fred, Charles, Emma and Louis, all of whom are now living in Redwood county. It is worthy of note that within twenty-five years after he came to America, Gottfried Hoepner owned over 700 acres of land. Frank W. Hoepner, after completing his school studies at North Redwood, took a course in the Minnesota Business College at New Ulm in 1902. He then farmed with his father until 1909, later bought 160 acres of land in section 24, and still later 40 acres more in section 13, Delhi township. His father's farm in Honner township is part of the ground used by General Sibley for an army camp during the Indian outbreak in 1862, and Mr. Hoepner has many souvenirs of arrow heads, beads and other articles which were found on these grounds. There were one or two small buildings on the Delhi farm, including the house, when Mr. Hoepner bought it from his father and he has since erected necessary buildings and done considerable fencing. He raises some grain, having fifty-five acres of wheat, 40 acres of corn, 45 acres of oats and five acres of barley. He keeps six Holstein cows for dairy purposes and raises Poland China swine, Percheron horses, feeding about fifty steers for the market every year. In 1907 he began to give special attention to the chicken business and now has pens of full-blooded chickens of White Leghorn, White Wyandottes, Silver Laced Wyandottes, Brown Leghorns, Black Minorcas, Barred Plymouth Rock, White Plymouth Rock, Rhode Island

Red and other standard varieties. He sells cockerels and eggs for hatching through the advertisements in the farm papers. In addition to this farm, Mr. Hoepner also owns 480 acres of land in Colorado, the property being well improved and fenced. In politics Mr. Hoepner is an Independent and has served as road overseer for one year. He is a member of Lodge No. 68, A. O. U. W., of Redwood Falls, and of the M. W. A. camp at North Redwood. He has traveled in fourteen different states of the American Union and also over most of Canada. Mr. Hoepner was married October 20, 1909, to Maude Parker, who was born in Pratt, Kans., June 28, 1890, daughter of John W. and Mary (Headrick) Parker. Her father was born in Ohio, March 3, 1845, and is now living at Pratt, Kans., having retired from farming. Her mother was born in Hickory county, Iowa, April 27, 1850. There were nine children in the family: Thomas, who lives at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Bertdell, in El Paso county, Colorado; Edward, now deceased; Midgie, deceased; Arthur, of Meade county, Kans.; Alphonso, Robert and Wesley, residing in Pratt county, Kans., and Maude. Mr. and Mrs. Hoepner's children are: John William Gottfried, born August 17, 1910; Clarence Frank, born May 27, 1912, and Mary Margurite, born September 24, 1915. Mrs. Hoepner has in her own name a good 160 acre farm in south central Kansas.

Arthur Carbert, a prosperous farmer of Delhi township, was born in England, November 17, 1870, son of Thomas and Mary (Buckle) Carbert. The father, Thomas Carbert, who was born in 1812, was a man of note in his locality. A gardener and tax collector by occupation, he was also a fine musician. He was the leader of the band in his native town, sometimes played the bass drum, at which he was an expert, and sang bass in the church choir, being greatly interested in church work. He was also a man of sound sense and excellent judgment in the ordinary affairs of life, and, as he had also some legal knowledge, his advice was often sought and generally taken by his neighbors on legal and other matters. His wife Mary was born in 1832 and died in 1906. They had nine children, all of whom are living, and whose names and place of abode are as follows: Helen, Margaret and John, residing in England; Herbert, in Ontario, Canada; Arthur, of Redwood county, Minnesota; Harold, of Montana; Edith, now Mrs. Peter McKay, of Redwood county, Minnesota, and Emanuel and Ernest, in England. Arthur Carbert at the age of seventeen went to Stratford, Canada. After living there for eighteen months he came to Redwood county, Minnesota, where he worked out among the farmers for several years. Then he bought 80 acres of land in Kintire township at \$9.00 per acre, and later added another 80 acres at \$13.00 per acre. Subsequent to that he purchased 80 acres more at \$25.00



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per acre, and still later, in 1909, bought 160 acres more at \$32.50 per acre. This land was located in sections 14, 15, 22 and 23. In 1911 he sold it all for \$55.00 per acre and bought 240 acres in sections 5 and 8, Delhi township, at \$58.00 per acre. He has spent much time and money on this place and has one of the best farms in that part of the county. He has erected a fine ten-room modern house costing \$4,500, a barn 30 by 50 feet, and a corn crib, costing \$1,500, and in the fall of 1915 he built a concrete silo with a capacity of 120 tons. As a grain farmer Mr. Carbert raises some 30 acres of wheat, 80 acres of corn and 45 acres of oats. He feeds about a car load of Shorthorn cattle a year and is the owner of a fine black grade Poll-Angus sire. He has also a good herd of Duroc Jersey swine and a flock of Shropshire sheep, feeding about two carloads of sheep a year. He raises all the horses he needs on the farm, keeping the Percheron breed. Mr. Carbert is an Independent in politics. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, having been an elder for several years and choirster of the church choir at Delhi for twenty years. Mr. Carbert was married October 27, 1898, to Stella Salome Bruner, who was born February 11, 1880, in Winnebago county, Illinois, daughter of Darius Alvin and Sarah Jane (Tofflemire) Bruner. Her father, born in 1856, in Lexington, Ontario, Canada, and her mother, born in Illinois in 1850, are both now living in Saskatchewan, Canada. There were seven children in their family: Stella, Clark Alvin, Samuel Floyd, Henry George (deceased), Sarah Elizabeth, Nellie Adell (deceased), and Hugh Carlyle; all now living with their parents in Canada with the exception of Stella, Mrs. Carbert and those deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Carbert have seven children, who were born as follows: Edith Mary, January 10, 1900; Charles Alvin, September 6, 1901; Frederick Thomas, December 20, 1903; Martha Jane, June 8, 1906; Samuel Arthur, July 4, 1909; Lillian Belle, July 11, 1911; and Ralph Edward, April 9, 1916.

Rasmus Madson, a pioneer of Brookville township, was born in Denmark, and there married Carrie Nelson. In 1866, with their four children—Christian, Peter, William and Mary—they embarked on a sailing vessel, and after a long and perilous voyage, safely reached the United States. After living in Michigan for a while, they came to Redwood county in 1871, and were among the first families to locate in Brookville township. Here they secured 80 acres of partly improved land, to which they later added 80 acres more. They developed and improved this place, erected buildings, and became prosperous members of the community. Mr. Madison died in 1904 at the age of seventy-nine, and his wife died in 1895 at the age of seventy-one.

Michael Dooner, at one time county commissioner of Redwood county, was born in Canada, May 9, 1849, and was there reared

and educated. At the age of twenty he came to the United States and located in Iowa. A year later he came to Redwood county and took up his residence in Willow Lake township. He developed a wild tract of land, and added to his original purchase until he had a good place of 360 acres, well developed and improved, and well supplied with suitable farm buildings. His financial holdings included creamery stock, and an interest in the State Bank of Wanda. By long and faithful service on the township and school boards he won the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens, and his work as county commissioner more than justified the trust which was imposed in him. He was a devout Catholic, and helped to build the first church of that faith in this vicinity. At the height of his successful career, he was cut down by death on November 15, 1913, in the sixty-fourth year of his life. Mr. Dooner was married November 26, 1889, to Mary Madson, born in Michigan, December 8, 1867, daughter of Rasmus and Carrie (Nelson) Madson, and named for an older sister Mary, who was born in Denmark and died in Michigan. Of the eleven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Dooner there are now living eight: Maria Lucy, born November 24, 1892; Nellie Maude, December 5, 1894; John Robert, February 29, 1896; Michael J., March 13, 1897; Elmer Louis, November 14, 1898; William Frank, June 4, 1900; Louis Edward, October 12, 1902; and Florence Alberta, born February 16, 1909. Maria Lucy is the wife of Glenn Meade, of Willow Lake, and has one child, Juanita Mary. Mrs. Dooner is a capable business woman, and since the death of her husband, has efficiently managed the home farm of 360 acres, assisted by her children.

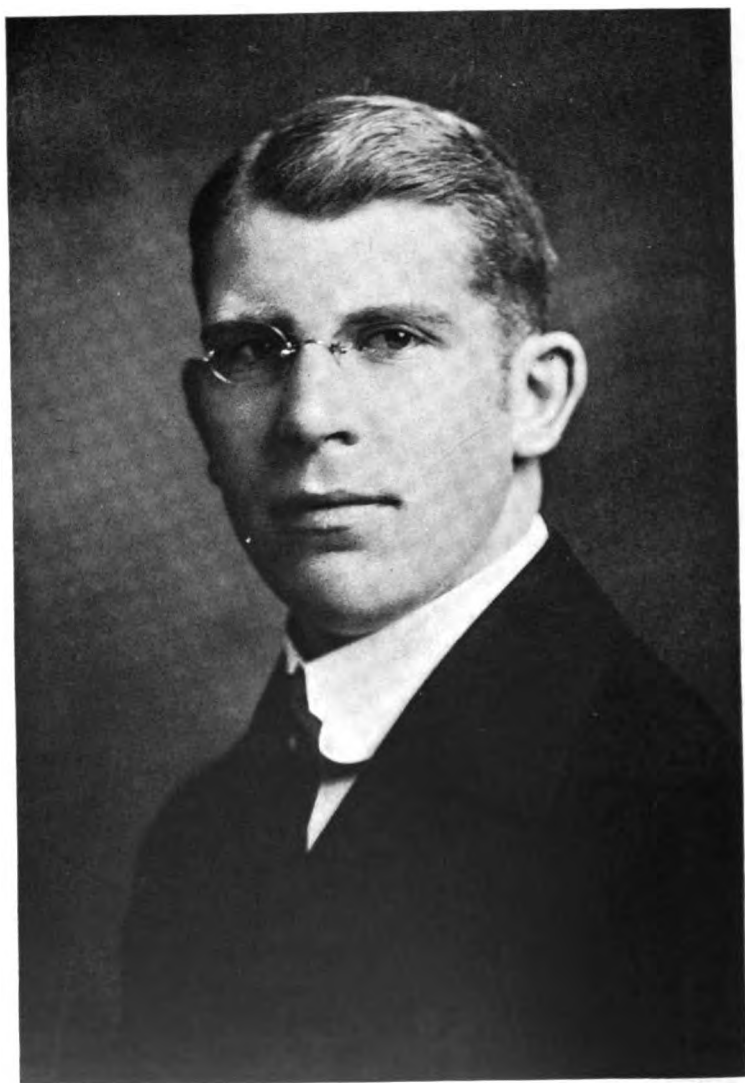
Jeremiah O. Mahoney, a prominent farmer of Sheridan township, and son of Jeremiah and Mary (Reagan) Mahoney, was born in Ireland July 24, 1854, and came to America with his parents when a boy. They settled in Olmsted county, Minnesota, where the father bought 160 acres of land and farmed until his death, May 6, 1907, at the age of ninety-two years. His wife died December 16, 1909, at the age of eighty-six years. Their children were: Jeremiah O.; Michael, deceased; John of Olmsted county; Mary, now Mrs. D. O'Connell of Olmsted county; Timothy of Olmsted county, and Andrew, deceased. Jeremiah O. Mahoney in his youth attended the schools of his locality and there acquired the elements of knowledge. He left home at the age of twenty-three and was employed by a railway company for three years. Coming to Redwood county in November, 1887, he rented a farm for three years and then bought 120 acres of land in section 9, Sheridan township. The land was wild and uncultivated, but Mr. Mahoney set to work breaking up the soil and has since made continuous improvements, until he now has one of the finest farms in this locality. He has erected good substan-

tial buildings, including a two-story house, a large barn and other needed structures, and has also a fine grove around his home and a small orchard. He carries on general farming, raises grains and breeds swine, cattle and horses for his own use. Mr. Mahoney is an Independent in politics and has held the office of road overseer for seven years and clerk of the school board of district No. 103 for three years. The family faith is that of the Roman Catholic church. Mr. Mahoney was married January 10, 1884, to Mary Looney, who was born August 4, 1861, at Fond du Lac, Wis. The wedding took place at the home of Lawrence Holton, the oldest settler of Sheridan township, and where many people were married in the early days, as there was no church there at that time and the priest had to come from Birch Cooley. The day of the wedding was typical of the season; one of the old-time blizzards was raging, but the house was full of guests nevertheless, and the wedding dinner was one long to be remembered by those present. The parents of the bride were Timothy and Johannah (Mahoney) Looney. Her father was a farmer of Sheridan township and died March 7, 1901. Her mother died March 9, 1902. There were five children in the family: Mary; John, deceased; Timothy, deceased; Jeremiah, deceased; and Ellen, now Mrs. John Keller of North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney have the following children: Ellen, born January 9, 1885; Jeremiah, born September 19, 1887; Mary, born August 20, 1890; Julia, born May 27, 1892; Joseph, born August 18, 1896; and Margaret, born August 3, 1907. Ellen keeps house for her brother Jeremiah, who is a farmer in Sheridan township. Julia, who is a graduate of the Redwood Falls high school, and a teacher, is also a student in the agricultural department of the State University. Mary, Joseph and Margaret are residing at home.

Robert Stewart, a highly prosperous farmer of Redwood Falls township, was born in Wabasha county, Minnesota, October 23, 1867. In the fall of 1871 he came to Minnesota with his parents and resided with them on their homestead in Redwood Falls township, faithfully attending the district schools, and later, entering the Rockford Business College at Rockford, Ill. Beginning life for himself on the Thomas Whittet farm of 240 acres in Redwood Falls township, he remained on it three years, after which, in 1901, he purchased the old Stewart homestead of 320 acres in the southeast quarter of section 10, and the northeast quarter of section 15, this being the old home of his father. Now he owns 440 acres of well improved land in Redwood township, all tiled—this being the second job of tiling done in the county—and has erected several up-to-date buildings. In 1911 he built a cattle feeding barn, 36 by 60 feet, two silos, one brick, with a capacity of 150 tons, and one frame with a capacity of

175 tons. In the summer of 1914 he erected buildings on 120 acres in section 11 and built an eight-room brick and concrete house, 28 by 35 by 14 feet. It is equipped with a hot water heating system and an electric light plant in the basement, which furnishes light for all the buildings, and has quarter-sawed oak floors and finishings down stairs and fir upstairs. There is a pressure tank in the basement. Mr. Stewart is now engaged in building a modern barn 36 by 60 feet. Mr. Stewart specializes in stock and buys and sells cattle for the market, selling about six cars of cattle and one of swine each year. He has 15 acres of fruit, mostly apples. He has served as clerk of school district No. 4 about two years. Mr. Stewart has been an elder in the Presbyterian church for the last fifteen years and is now a teacher in the Sunday school. September 16, 1903, Mr. Stewart was married to Belle Montgomery, who was born August 12, 1871, daughter of Robert and Margaret (Breckenridge) Montgomery, her parents being natives of Scotland. The father came to Winnebago county, Illinois, with his parents in 1842, and there he later engaged in farming and died in 1907 at the age of seventy-eight years. He was an active worker in the Presbyterian church. His wife, who was a Sunday school teacher and interested in the Missionary Society, died in 1899, at the age of sixty-five years. Mrs. Stewart was graduated from the high school at Rockford, Ill., in 1891 and was a teacher in the schools of that city and of the vicinity for twelve years. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have three children: Florence M., born April 5, 1905; Katherine M., born July 23, 1908; and Alice E., born September 29, 1912.

John Lauterbach, an early settler, was born in Prussia, Germany, in 1853, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lauterbach, who in 1854 brought him to Chicago, from which city, after living there four years, they brought him to New Ulm, in Brown county, this state, in 1858. There John Lauterbach was reared, learning, as a youth, the trade of wagonmaker, a trade which he followed there for many years, entering in business for himself in 1875. In 1884 he came to Redwood Falls, where he has since resided. For some ten years he has now been employed as a traveling salesman. Mr. Lauterbach married Mary Henle, a native of Milford township, the first white child born in Brown county. This union has been blessed with a fine family of thirteen children: Grace, Maggie, Michael, Anna, Joseph J., Clemens A., Herbert, John, Susie, Agnes, Mamie, Rose and Anton. Grace is the wife of Andrew Cook, proprietor of a restaurant at St. Peter, Minn. Maggie is the wife of John Kaus, a groceryman of Redwood Falls. Anna is the wife of Chris Schulte, a harnessmaker of Redwood Falls. Michael and Joseph are in the ice cream and confectionery business at Redwood Falls. Herbert lives in Boise City, Idaho. Clemens A. is postmaster at Redwood Falls.



C. A. LAUTERBACH

Susie and Mamie are clerks. John is a mail carrier at Redwood Falls. Rose and Anton are still attending school. Mrs. Lauterbach is the oldest of twelve children born to Mr. and Mrs. Athanathius Henle, five of whom are still living in and about the vicinity of New Ulm. Mr. Henle was one of a small party of Germans who left Chicago in the early fifties to establish a colony in the western wilderness. Going to St. Paul by train, they boarded boats that took them up the Minnesota river near where the city of New Ulm is now located. A deserted Indian village served as a refuge for the time being, but the Indians returned from a season's hunt and compelled them to leave these haunts. Traversing up stream they came to a beautiful place in the valley where they erected a big log cabin and later laid the foundation for what is now the city of New Ulm. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lauterbach were residing with their respective parents during the Indian massacre and experienced the hardships of those days. Mr. Lauterbach narrowly escaped death when a bullet from one of the Indian rifles grazed the front of his coat, tearing the buttons from it. Mrs. Lauterbach and the other children were rescued by their mother, who hid with them in the woods for several days until help arrived. During these trying experiences twenty-one relatives of Mrs. Lauterbach fell victims of the cruel savages.

Clemens A. Lauterbach, postmaster of Redwood Falls, and former business manager of the Redwood "Gazette," was born in the city where he still resides, April 27, 1887, son of John and Mary (Henle) Lauterbach. He acquired his education in the graded and high schools of Redwood Falls, and as a boy of fourteen received his first newspaper and printing experience in the office of Aiken & Schmahl, proprietors of the "Gazette." To journalism and printing, he has since devoted his life, with the exception of two years, 1906-08, when he was in the laundry business in Redwood Falls. For several years he acquired experience in the leading newspaper offices and printing plants in St. Paul and other cities, and thus prepared, returned to Redwood Falls in 1911, and acquired a half interest in the Redwood "Gazette," the paper on which he had worked as a small boy. In the autumn of 1916 he sold to Mrs Bess M. Wilson, the owner of the other half interest. On May 25, 1914, he was appointed postmaster, and entered upon the duties of that office June 11, of that year. In this capacity he has done most efficient service, and has given the best of satisfaction to all the people of the community. Mr. Lauterbach is a member of the Catholic church and affiliates with the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Order of Foresters. In politics he is a progressive Democrat.

Michael Lauterbach, of the firm of "Mike & Joe," manufacturers and dealers in ice cream and confectionery at Redwood Falls, was born in the city where he still lives, December 21,

1881, son of John and Mary (Henle) Lauterbach. He was reared on a farm and in the city, and as a young man learned the harness trade. In 1898 he started work in that line at New Ulm, and in 1902 opened a shop of his own in Redwood Falls, taking his brother, Joseph J. as a partner a few years later. In 1906 they disposed of the harness business and bought the confectionery store of the Knowlton Brothers. Under the firm name of "Mike & Joe," they still conduct this establishment, which is the leading store of its kind in the county. They do a large business in confectionery, ice cream, soda water, cut flowers and Columbia Grafonolas. In addition to manufacturing much of their own confectionery, they make ice cream on an extensive scale, wholesaling it to a number of dealers in neighboring towns, as well as retailing it to families throughout the city. Their place is attractive and expensively furnished, and is one of the popular gathering places of Redwood Falls. For some years past, Mr. Lauterbach has been the official government weather observer. Deeply interested in music, Mr. Lauterbach has been president and manager of the Scenic City Band for some fifteen years, and has also done considerable orchestra work. He is the chief ranger of the Catholic Order of Foresters and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Michael Lauterbach was married October 12, 1910, to Rose Olga Schilling, born August 22, 1880, daughter of Louis A. and Cecelia (Ochs) Schilling. Mr. Schilling, a veteran of the Civil war and a carpenter by trade, was for some fifteen years city clerk of New Ulm. Mr. and Mrs. Lauterbach have two children: Mercedes Rose, born October 10, 1912, and Wallace Michael, born March 15, 1916.

Joseph J. Lauterbach, of the firm of "Mike & Joe," was born in Redwood Falls, July 3, 1884, son of John and Mary (Henle) Lauterbach. For a time he was employed as a mill worker, and later engaged in the harness business with his brother Michael, with whom he later established their present business. He has been connected with the Scenic City Band for some fifteen years, and has been its secretary and treasurer for some five years. He has also done considerable orchestra work. For several years he was an active member of Co. L, Second Minnesota, M. N. G., served as corporal and sergeant, and was at one time elected a lieutenant, though in this office he declined to serve. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Order of Foresters, in the local lodge of which latter order, he has been treasurer for many years. Joseph J. Lauterbach was married July 29, 1914, to Alice Russell, daughter of Richard and Alice (Gratz) Russell, the former of whom is the inventor of the Russell Road Grader. Mr. and Mrs. Lauterbach have one son, John Richard, born May 23, 1915, and a daughter Mary Catherine, born October 19, 1916.

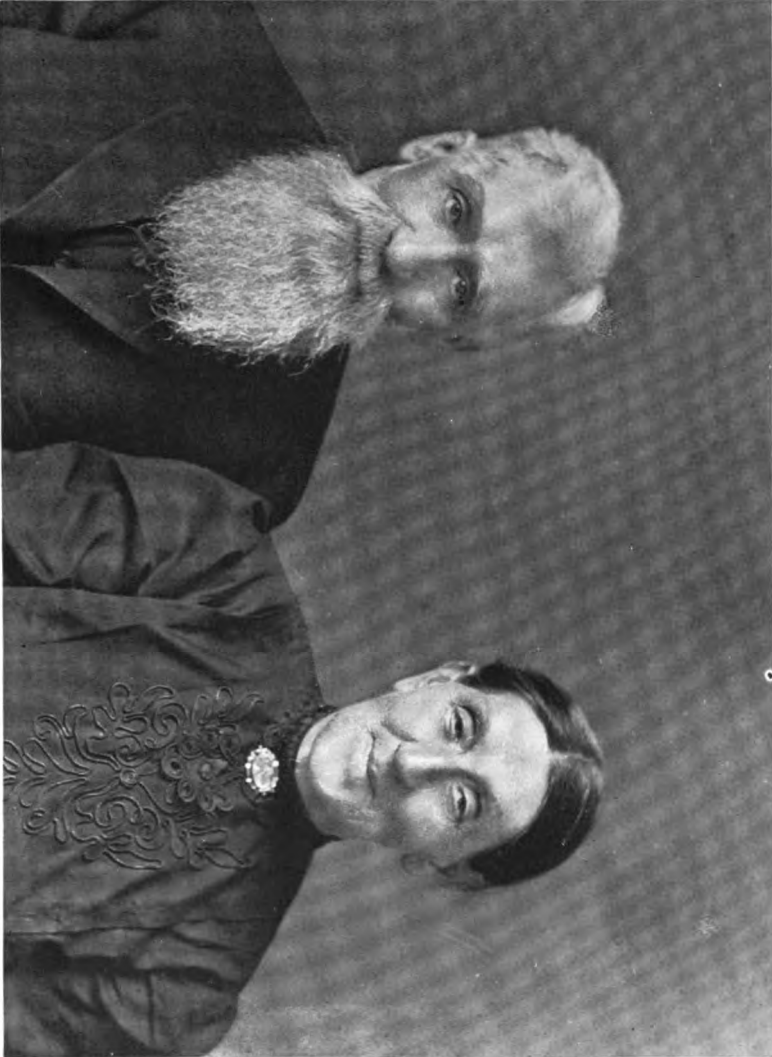
Almon E. King, prominent citizen and former postmaster of Redwood Falls, was born in New Hampshire, December 10, 1850, a son of James and Roxalana (Barnard) King. James King, a substantial farmer of New Hampshire, moved in 1854 to Lee county, Illinois, where he attained considerable prominence, serving as county supervisor and in other positions of private trust and public honor. He died in 1895 at the age of seventy-two years. His good wife survived him five years and died in 1900 at the age of seventy-six years. Reared in Lee county, Illinois, Almon E. King lived at home until he was twenty years of age. He started his career as a clerk, after which he engaged in the drygoods business at Mt. Morris, Illinois. Later he spent several years in Minneapolis. In 1880 he came to Redwood Falls, and, with his brother Walter B. King, under the firm name of the King Brothers, engaged in the drygoods and implement business. In this connection he continued for many years, remaining in the drygoods business until 1892, and in the implement and machinery business until 1901. In 1902 he was appointed postmaster, and did most efficient service until his retirement in 1914. Subsequently he purchased from W. B. Clement, the insurance agency established by J. B. Robinson & Co. in 1872. This agency, Mr. King still conducts. His financial affiliation is with the State Bank of Redwood Falls, of which he has been a director for the past eight years. His public services have included nine years of active work as president of the school board. He has also been prominently identified with a number of public movements. Mr. King was married May 20, 1879, to Alice Felker, born December 12, 1852, daughter of Abraham and Katherine (Wingert) Felker. Mr. and Mrs. King have had four children. Two died in infancy. Katherine was born in August, 1886, and died January 8, 1900. Forest V. was born in August, 1889, and is a civil engineer for the Minneapolis Bridge Co. Mrs. King is actively identified with church and social work in Redwood Falls, and is most highly regarded by a large circle of friends.

Joshua H. Sanders, who thirty years ago became one of the heaviest land owners in Redwood county, was born in St. Lawrence county, New York, and was there reared and educated. He came to the Northwest in 1857, and a few years later took up his home in St. Paul, where he became one of that group of sturdy men whose character has so strongly impressed itself upon the life of Minnesota. As the trusted associate of the builders of the great Northwest he was one of the inner council of powerful minds in the years when an Empire was being made. Familiarly known as Captain Sanders, he was intimately connected with the steamboat traffic at a time when the Mississippi river was a great highway of commerce. For a time he was

agent for the Northern Packet Line. Later, with a partner, he established the firm of Sanders & Mathews, and transacted business in building supplies on the levee at St. Paul. He was a director of the First National Bank of St. Paul for a long period, and through that institution, about 1885, purchased 16,000 acres of Redwood county land, situated a few miles south of the city of Redwood Falls. The care of this property caused him to make frequent trips to Redwood Falls, and he thus became familiar with a region that he always called the "Garden Spot of America." A large part of the land was subsequently sold off, and at his death the remainder was divided among his family. After a useful life, filled with worthy achievement and successful endeavor, he died September 2, 1899, at the age of seventy years. His widow, a native of Lima, Ind., whose maiden name was Ella Martin, still makes her home in St. Paul.

Howard P. Sanders, manager of the extensive Sanders tract, in Redwood county, and a literary man of considerable note, was born in St. Paul, Minn., August 31, 1874, son of Joshua H. and Ella (Martin) Sanders. After passing through the St. Paul public schools and the Academy at Andover, Mass., he entered Harvard University at Cambridge, Mass., and was duly graduated therefrom. He then spent several years as foreign correspondent for New York, Chicago and St. Paul papers, writing special descriptive articles of various points of interest, including the cities of London, Paris, Rome and Florence. He also traveled extensively in this country, visiting and writing articles concerning many historic, scenic and industrial centers. In addition to this, he has contributed both verse and prose to various leading magazines. In 1911 Mr. Sanders moved to Redwood Falls, for the purpose of being close to his land and to oversee the improvements thereon. He is now making extensive developments, and having divided the estate into quarter sections, which he rents on shares, he is erecting on each a substantial farm home for the tenants. Mr. Sanders was married October 23, 1911, to Mrs. Mary E. Woolley, born October 10, 1874, widow of Earnest A. Woolley, an attorney of Walnut, Ill. She was educated at Armour Seminary and is the daughter of David S. Mathias, born January 2, 1844, an official of the United States Steel corporation, who lives at Chicago, and his wife, Tryphena Jones, who was born August 1, 1848. By this first marriage Mrs. Saunders has one child, a son, Parker D. Sanders, who has been adopted by Mr. Sanders. The young man, who is a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon, is a student in the agricultural department of the University of Minnesota, and after his graduation he plans to take up scientific farming as his life work.

Reinhold B. Smith was born February 11, 1842, in Germany, son of Christian and Willimina (Doll) Smith. His parents were



MR. AND MRS. REINHOLD B. SMITH

natives of Germany who came to America in 1853, locating in Leetz township, Columbia county, Wisconsin, where the father bought 40 acres of land, to which he later added 40 acres more. He died in 1862 and his wife in 1858. Reinhold B. Smith remained at home until twenty-one years of age, when he rented a farm for three years. After that he went to Mitchell county, Iowa, where he bought 40 acres of land in Newberg township and farmed there for seventeen years. Then, selling this property, in 1886 he came to Cottonwood county, where he rented a farm for two years. In 1894 he came to Redwood county and located in Morgan township, where he farmed for seven years. In 1901 he made his last change of location, buying the northeastern quarter of section 34 in Kintire township, where he remained till his death, November 26, 1915. During these years he built a house 16 by 24, with a wing 14 by 16 feet, and in 1910 a barn 36 by 60 feet. The farm is now managed by his son, Albert A. Mr. Smith was married Nov. 13, 1866, to Henrietta Kroeling, who was born June 26, 1845, in Germany, daughter of Martin and Dorothy (Wering) Kroeling. Her father was a farmer who served in the German army and died in October, 1846. His wife, Dorothy, a native of Germany, who came to America in 1862 with her mother and brothers, died in 1867 at the age of sixty-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have the following children: Minnie, born December 1, 1867, now Mrs. Oliver Johnson, of Twin Lakes, Minn.; Herman, born July 20, 1870, who married Ella Terry and resides at Lake Park, Minn.; Otto, born October 22, 1872, who married Nannie Elliot and lives in Delhi township, Redwood county; Martha, born June 4, 1874, now Mrs. Benjamin French of Kintire township; Dena, born April 11, 1877, now Mrs. George Johnson, of Kintire township; Reinhold, born January 29, 1884, now of Selfridge, N. D., and Albert, born January 15, 1886; Emil, born September 3, 1888, and Agnes, born May 10, 1891, all three of whom reside with their mother on the farm.

Stephen P. Hicks, one of the most extensive land owners of Redwood county, is the proud possessor of four whole sections of valuable land in Gales township. He was born in Devonshire, England, April 4, 1853, son of William and Grace (Palmer) Hicks, who in 1857 brought their family to this country and located in Black Hawk county, Iowa, where they spent the remainder of their days. One of a family of ten children, eight of whom grew to maturity and reared families of their own, Stephen P. spent his youth on his father's farm and thoroughly mastered agricultural pursuits while still in his teens. He left home and went to Chicago, Ill., where, with a partner, under the firm name of Hicks & Palmer, he engaged in the coal business. Later he and his brother bought out Mr. Palmer and successfully conducted the business for ten more years. Subsequently Mr. Hicks came to Redwood

county, which was to be the scene of his future activities. He acquired 3,200 acres of land and since that time has built up one of the finest stock and grain farms in Redwood county. He now owns in Gales township all of sections 9, 16 and 17 and the west half of section 15. His home, surrounded by beautiful flower dotted, tree decorated lawns, and set off by its splendid complement of barns and out-buildings, is like a nobleman's estate in the old country. In politics, Mr. Hicks is a Republican, having cast his first vote for General Grant for president. He has occupied numerous township and school offices. Mr. Hicks was married in 1883, in Iowa, to Mary Alice McMannus, a native of Illinois, and they have six children: Gertrude G., Ruth, Tracy McMannus, Stephen P. W. (deceased), Naoma and William H.

William Carey Starr, editor and proprietor of the Redwood Falls "Sun," and for many years a prominent factor in journalism and public affairs, was born in Huntington county, Pennsylvania, March 31, 1859, son of Isaac and Ellen (Hanna) Starr. Isaac Starr was born in Pennsylvania, Jan. 30, 1834, learned the carpenters' trade as a youth, and devoted his life to contracting and building. In 1868 he came to this state, lived at Lake City until 1876, went to Lincoln county in 1876, and died at Tyler in February, 1908. Mrs. Ellen (Hanna) Starr was born in County Down, Ireland, came to America at the age of twenty-two years, and died in December, 1913. William C. Starr started out for himself as a youth. For several years he was a trainman. After living in California for a while, he located at Marshall, Mo., where he learned the printers' trade in the employ of the Marshall "Capital." Thus prepared for his career, he went to Winchester, Kans., and edited the Winchester "Star." He came to this county in 1893, and purchased the Lamberton "Star." Since June 10, 1910, he has been owner and editor of his present paper. Mr. Starr is a public spirited man, fearless in his convictions, and his paper exerts a powerful influence in the community. Of a genial temperament and broad experience, he is the friend of every worthy cause, and he is one of those men who may truly be designated as a useful citizen. Fraternally he is a member of the A. F. & A. M., the O. E. S. and the M. W. A. He is also a member of other organizations, and has served on numerous boards and committees. Mrs. Starr has proven an able helpmate in all his undertakings. Aside from occupying a prominent position in church and social affairs, she is an accomplished journalist, and acts as society editor of her husband's paper. The family is remarkable in that all the children, even the youngest, assist in issuing the paper, as typesetters, pressmen, reporters, writers and errand boys. Mr. Starr was married November 15, 1892, to Oma E. Saunders, of Marshall, Mo., born in Newton, Kans., October 5, 1873, daughter of Oscar and Alida (White) Saunders. Mr. and



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Mrs. Starr have eight children: Harre Leslie, Edla Oma, Irl Hanna, William Carey, Jr., Harold Von and Howard John (twins) and Willard Isaac and Willis Oscar (twins). Harre Leslie was born December 15, 1893, at Winchester, Kans., was married April 15, 1915, to Anna Ogren, and to them has been born one child, Oma Thora, June 5, 1916. Edla Oma was born September 8, 1896. Irl Hanna was born July 23, 1898. William Carey, Jr., was born February 5, 1901. Harold Von and Howard John were born May 23, 1903. Willard Isaac and Willis Oscar were born September 1, 1909. All except the oldest were born in Lamberton.

Thomas F. Corcoran, deceased, a well known farmer of Sheridan township, was born August 14, 1857, in New York State, son of Patrick and Mary (Pendergast) Corcoran, both of whom were natives of Ireland and married there. All the children, except Thomas, were born in Ireland. The parents came to America and settled in New York in 1855. Not long afterwards the family moved to Waseca county, Minn., and took up a homestead where the father died in 1858. The mother married Patrick Ratchford. She died in April, 1901, at the age of eighty-nine years. The children in the family were: Ellen, of the state of Washington; Delia, deceased; Molley, deceased; Michael, of Medford, Minn., and Thomas, deceased. Thomas F. Corcoran lived with his parents until 1880, when he began working for himself. In 1900 he came to Redwood county and bought 240 acres of land in section 24, Sheridan township. He carried on diversified farming, having 100 acres of wheat, 50 of corn, 40 of oats, and 20 of barley. He also had a fine two-acre orchard of apple and plum trees, raised full blooded Poland China swine and Shorthorn cattle, and raised and sold about twenty-five head of Shropshire sheep each year. Mr. Corcoran was a well informed man and had traveled extensively. He took active interest in farmers' associations and in the affairs of the community. He was a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator at Seaforth and served as member of the school board for several years in Waseca county. In politics he was a Democrat, and religiously a member of the Catholic church at Seaforth. His death, which occurred April 29, 1914, was deeply regretted. Mrs. Corcoran now conducts the farm with the assistance of her children. Mr. Corcoran was married January 19, 1880, to Elizabeth Dalton, who was born December 14, 1858, in Ogle county, Illinois, daughter of John and Ellen (McGinn) Dalton, both natives of Ireland. The father, who was born in 1825 and came to Illinois in 1845, was engaged in farming there until 1867, when he bought a farm in Waseca county, Minnesota. He was married in New York State and died November 8, 1900. The mother was born March 17, 1831, and died October 27, 1911. They had the following children: Elizabeth and Christ, twins, of Janesville, Minn.; John, of Janesville; Thomas, deceased; Nicholas, deceased;

Edward, deceased; Mary, now Mrs. Edwin Von Rohr of Webster, S. D. Mr. and Mrs. Corcoran's children are: Nellie, born March 10, 1881, now Mrs. Benjamin Hayes of Waseca county, Minnesota; Clara, born November 3, 1882, now Mrs. Mathew Wendlin, of Seattle, Wash.; Patrick, born April 19, 1884, a farmer of Sheridan township; Edward, born February 10, 1886, a resident of Seaforth; John, born December 28, 1888, of Redwood Falls; Joseph, born June 5, 1890, residing at home; William, born January 6, 1892, of Montana, and Ambrose, born June 26, 1894; Arthur, March 26, 1896; Eugene, June 6, 1898, and Howard, August 8, 1900, all of whom reside at home.

Jens G. (Jim) Christensen, a very successful farmer of Sheridan township, was born in North Schleswig, Germany, November 17, 1854, son of Nels Christensen, a sailor and soldier, and his wife Annie (Jensen) Christensen, who died in 1859. Jens G. Christensen was reared by his grandparents, Christ Nelson and his wife. At ten years of age he began working out for his board and also attended school. When he was seventeen years old he was employed by his uncle and remained with him a year learning the carpenters' trade. Emigrating to America in 1873, he located in Racine, Wis., where he worked for the Mitchel Lewis Wagon factory for seventeen years. In 1888 he purchased 80 acres of land in section 36, Sheridan township, moving onto it in 1890. By hard work, good judgment and frugality he has increased and developed his farm so that he now owns 120 acres of well improved land, 40 acres of which are set out in clover and timothy. He raises good graded Shorthorn cattle. Mr. Christensen has served as clerk of school district No. 46 for six years and is a stockholder in the Wabasso Creamery. He is affiliated with the I. O. O. F. of Racine, Wis., and has served as its secretary and vice grand. His religious affiliations are with the Danish Lutheran church. Mr. Christensen was married December 18, 1880, to Indiana Jensen, who was born April 12, 1854, daughter of Iver Jensen, a farmer of Wisconsin, who died in 1890 at the age of seventy-five years. Her mother, Maria (Hunstadt) Jensen, who is still living, was born November 3, 1828. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Christensen: Ellen, born Sept. 7, 1881, and died May 6, 1915, wife of Thomas Peterson, a farmer of Mansfield, Wash.; Nels, born April 12, 1883, a farmer now living on the home place and married to Emma Johnson, and Christian, born August 7, 1885, of Mansfield, Wash., with whom Mr. Christensen visited the greater part of a year during 1914-1915.

George A. Rucktaeschel, an extensive land owner in Sheridan township, was born in Germany April 9, 1872, son of Herman and Minnie (Neuman) Rucktaeschel. The father was a native of Germany who emigrated to America in 1874, coming to Sauk county, Wisconsin, where he remained for one year. Then he operated a

store in Birch Cooley township, Renville county, until 1882, when he engaged in farming in Sherman township, this county. After four years he moved to the Gilfillan farm in Paxton township, where he remained for seven years, and then moved to Redwood Falls township, where he died April 1, 1901, at the age of seventy-nine years. His wife lives at Delhi, Minn., George A. Rucktaeschel grew to manhood on the home farm. In time he bought 320 acres of land in section 35, Sheridan township, and in 1900 he rebuilt the house and remodeled it into a nice comfortable seven-room structure. In 1904 he built a barn 30 by 56 by 12 feet and in 1906 another barn, 20 by 38 by 12 feet. He has one and a half acres in fruit, 65 acres in clover and timothy and 105 acres in corn. He raises full blooded Shorthorn cattle and makes a specialty of feeding cattle for the market, shipping one car of swine a year and two carloads of cattle. He also raises Shropshire sheep, having about 100 head. In addition to his land holdings in Redwood county, Mr. Rucktaeschel also owns 240 acres in Beltrami county. He is stockholder in the Farmers Hardware Store, the Elevator Company at Wabasso, the Wabasso Creamery and the Redwood County Rural Telephone Company. As school director of district No. 75, he has rendered good service for eight years. Mr. Rucktaeschel was married February 18, 1896, to Mary Ost, who was born in Germany, June 10, 1875, daughter of Albert and Johanna (Marquardt) Ost. Her father was a native of Germany who came to America in 1881, and lived for two years at Mankato, Minn. Then, in 1886, he moved to Redwood county and was subsequently engaged in farming in Three Lakes township until his death, July 14, 1899. Her mother died in 1907 at the age of seventy-three years. Mr. and Mrs. Rucktaeschel's family consists of the following children: Katherine, born December 21, 1896; Marie, April 2, 1898; Clarence, September 3, 1899; Lydia, October 29, 1900; Elizabeth, March 26, 1906; Edith, September 30, 1910, and Douglas December 18, 1912.

Lars Sogaard was born in Denmark, Oct. 28, 1869, son of Nels and Trekie (Mickelsen) Sogaard. His parents were farming people, the father born February 24, 1821, and the mother May 20, 1844. Lars Sogaard came to the United States February 25, 1891, locating first in Centerville, Iowa. He had about \$15 when he landed. He found employment on the Rock Island railroad and later in the coal mines, after which he came to Minnesota and worked out on the farm. In 1893 he bought 160 acres of land in section 8, Sundown township, Redwood county, where he now lives. This land was partly broken. He built a barn, 24 by 26, which he also used for a dwelling. His first crop was a failure, but his next one was good and he has since prospered. He bought a small house which he moved onto his place and which he lived in until 1911, when he built a nice seven-room

residence. In 1901 he built a barn 24 by 46 feet. As township assessor and as a member of the school board he has rendered his fellow citizens good service. He is a shareholder in the Wanda Creamery. Mr. Sogaard was married to Hannah Hansen, who died July 2, 1907, leaving three children, Lilly, Albert and Arthur. He was married again in 1908, to Caroline Petersen, who was born January 1, 1870, in Denmark, and came to the United States when thirty-six years old. They have one child, Roy.

Ole H. Groff, a well known farmer of Sundown township, was born in Norway, December 23, 1872, son of Halvor Groff, born in Norway in 1817, and his wife, Guri (Skyugurgaarden) Groff, born in 1836. Halvor Groff was a farmer by occupation. His wife came to the United States in 1893, going to Iowa. After a year she moved to Cass county, Minn., where she died in 1907. Ole H. Groff came to the United States in 1892, locating in Decorah, Iowa, where he remained one year. He then went to Lyon county, Iowa, where he hired out for \$100 a year the first year and then received \$21 a month. In 1897 he removed to Cass county, Minnesota, and took a homestead of 160 acres. He built a log house, 16 by 24 feet, and a barn of logs, and lived there seven years. Then coming to Redwood county, he rented a farm of 160 acres. In 1911 he bought 80 acres in Sundown township, locating in section 14, and 40 acres in section 23. The first year he raised 300 acres of corn, which he kept for feed. Each year conditions improved and he is now one of the successful farmers of this locality. Mr. Groff was married in 1900 to Mary Skow, born in Denmark in 1882, who came to the United States the same year. Mr. and Mrs. Groff's children are: Christen, Halvor, Nels, Olga, Rangval, Gunda, Christena, Mabel, Milton, and Annie. The family are members of the Scandinavian Lutheran church.

Ferdinand Frederick Kettner, a prosperous farmer of Sundown township, was born in Pomerania, Germany, October 14, 1861, son of Ludwig and Dorethea (Hosala) Kettner. The father was an overseer on a large farm in charge of about 200 men. His wife, mother of Ferdinand, died in Germany about 1879, at the age of forty-six years. There were eight children in the family: Gusta, Wilhelm, Ferdinand F., Tena, Ludwig, Marie, August and Emma. Ferdinand received his schooling in Germany and at the age of twenty-one came to the United States, going to live with his uncle, Wilhelm Kettner, a pioneer of Nicollet county, Minnesota, for whom he worked two years, receiving \$140 per year. In 1883 he came to Redwood county and bought 160 acres in section 28, Sundown township. This was known as the "Old Guile Place," where the first town meeting was held. There were about a dozen trees on the place, a small

house 16 by 24 and a barn made of clay. To begin with, he had a team of horses, two cows and a calf. In the fall of 1883 his father and the rest of the family, except Wilhelm, who remained in Germany, joined him in Sundown township. The father made his home with him until his death in 1891 at the age of sixty-two, and his sisters kept house for him until his marriage. He set out a fine grove, built a house and barn and has since been prosperous. He raises good stock and has added 80 acres more to his farm. Aside from this he is a shareholder in the Farmers' Elevator Company and store at Springfield. His religious affiliations are with the Lutheran church. Mr. Kettner was married March 1, 1889, to Minnie Stolt, who was born in Nicollet county, May 31, 1870, daughter of Chris and Johanna (Otto) Stolt, both natives of Germany. Chris Stolt came to Illinois with his parents in 1858. When he was about eighteen years old, he enlisted in the Second Illinois Cavalry, and was wounded in the lung at Hollow Spring. His parents, Chris and Mary Stolt, drove by oxen from Illinois to Nicollet county, Minnesota, being three weeks on the trip. Here Chris, Jr., also located, securing a homestead. His wife died at the age of twenty-two leaving two children, Minnie and Emma, and he subsequently married Augusta Seymour of Germany, of which union twelve children were born. Mr. and Mrs. Kettner's children are: George, of St. Paul; Wilhelm, of Canada; Charles, of Canada; Dora, Theodore, Louisa, Lydia, Lena, Emil, Herman, Arthur, and Marie.

Ole Nelson, a successful farmer of Swedes Forest township, was born March 12, 1866, in Norway, son of Nels and Mary (Olson) Nelson. The father was born in Norway and there died. The mother was born in Norway in 1841, came to America in 1888, locating in Swedes Forest township, Redwood county, Minnesota, and is now living with her son, Carl Boklep, in Kintire township. Ole Nelson came to America in 1871 with his grandparents. The grandfather, Ole Olson, born in Norway in 1821, and came to the United States and in 1871 settled in Beloit, Wis., where he rented a farm and engaged in farming. After remaining there until 1887, he moved to Swedes Forest, this county, and lived with his son, Chris Olson, until his death in 1891. His wife, Martha (Olson) Olson, was born in 1824 and died in 1910. Ole Nelson purchased the Nels Hanson homestead in 1902 and began improving and developing it, erecting new buildings and remodeling the old ones. In 1903 he rebuilt the house, and in 1906 a barn was built, 32 by 58 feet. Tool sheds and a blacksmith shop were also put up, and here Mr. Nelson has farmed successfully up to the present time. He is a director of the Farmers State Bank at Belview and a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator of Belview. Mr. Nelson was married June 4, 1899, to Clara Hanson, who was born October 13, 1875, daughter

of Nels Hanson and Karen Andrea Augustinson. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have had four children: Carl O., born June 14, 1900; Morris C., born June 7, 1902; Francis N., born October 8, 1905, who died February 4, 1913; and Nora, born May 6, 1907. The family are members of the Rockdale Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran church.

Albert L. Dahlgren, an enterprising farmer of Gales township, was born in section 26, this township, May 10, 1886, son of Charles L. and Charlotte (Swanson) Dahlgren. The father, who settled on this farm in 1885 and made many improvements on it, now lives with his son Albert. Albert L. Dahlgren has a farm of 160 acres and has continued the improvements started by his father. He raises considerable grain and keeps Shorthorn cattle, Duroc Jersey swine and a mixed breed of horses. He has built a ninety-ton silo and a barn 34 by 66 feet, and has various other good and necessary farm buildings. He has also an artesian flowing well 237 feet deep. Mr. Dahlgren is a stockholder and director of the Springdale Telephone Company and Farmers' Elevator Company, the latter being located at Walnut Grove. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Dahlgren was united in marriage, June 22, 1911, to Anna C. Lund, who was born December 18, 1885, in Johnsonville township, Redwood county, Minnesota, daughter of Charles B. and Lotta (Swanson) Lund, both natives of Sweden, who came to Redwood county early in the seventies and settled in Johnsonville township. In 1915 they retired from farm work and are now living in Walnut Grove. There are eight children in the family: Esther B., now Mrs. Gus. Nicolayson of Revere, Minn.; Laura, widow of Nels E. Pierson of Tracy; Hannah, Mrs. Otto Dahlgren of Walnut Grove; Anna (Mrs. A. L. Dahlgren); John E. L., a farmer of Johnsonville township; Minnie; Hattie; and Arthur. Mr. and Mrs. Dahlgren have had three children: Donald L., born October 4, 1912, who died October 26, 1912; Kathryn, born January 13, 1914, and Elwood, born February 16, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Dahlgren are members of the Swedish Lutheran church.

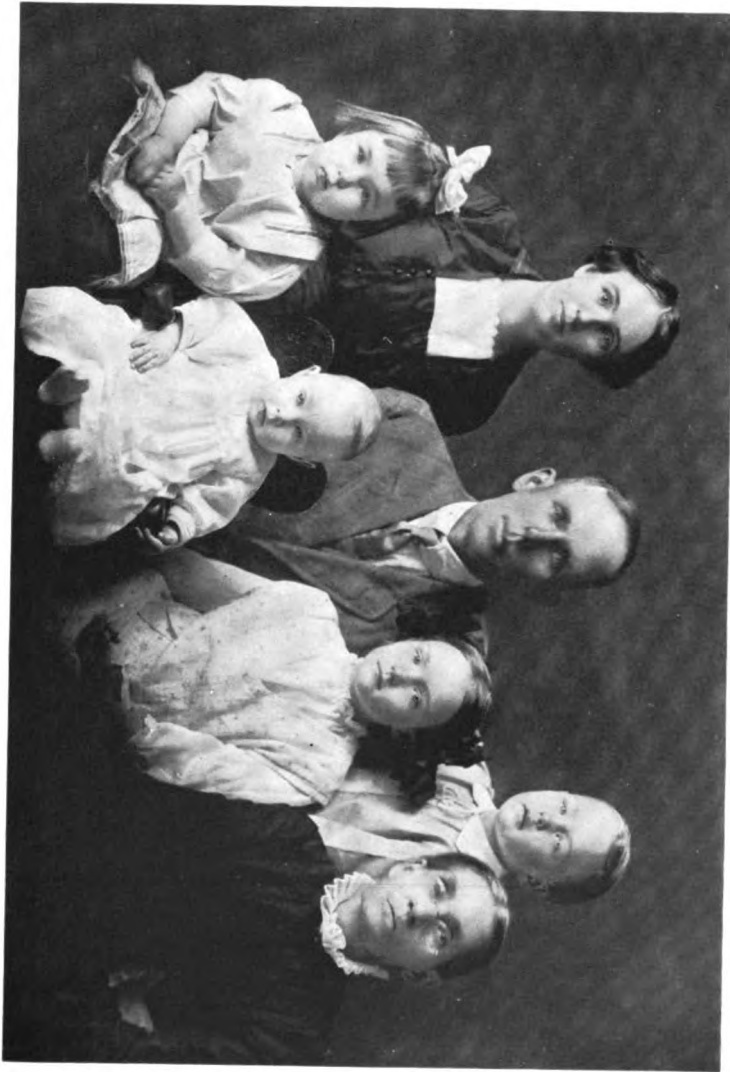
Eric Wilson, long a prominent farmer of Walnut Grove, who died January 9, 1916, was born January 11, 1852, in Sweden, son of John (Soderstrom) and Elin (Esbjörn) Wilson. His father was a potter by trade. Besides Eric, there were two children, Karl and August, both now deceased. Eric came to America April 22, 1873, and secured a homestead in Gales township, Redwood county, Minnesota, where he was joined by his parents in 1878. They made their home with him until their death, the father dying January 1, 1881, and the mother September 10, 1901. Eric Wilson began farming with 80 acres of land and a one-room board house, 12 by 16. He made improvements as his means permitted and in 1880 built a substantial dwelling. He

subsequently added to his holdings so that at one time he owned 400 acres in one piece and still owned 320 acres at the time of his death, including the original homestead. A tireless and industrious worker, he continued his farm work until 1906, when he retired to Walnut Grove, leaving the farm to the care of his son J. Harry, who operated it until 1913, when he moved to Montana. Mr. Wilson was president of the Walnut Grove Building and Loan Association. From 1897 to 1910 he was county commissioner, in 1909 was again elected to this office, and was serving in it at the time of his death. He was a member of the school board of district No. 62 from the time of its organization until 1906. Mr. Wilson was married May 24, 1880, to Marie Johnson, who was born Dec. 26, 1856, in Sweden, daughter of Johannes (Lätt) and Britta (Larson) Johnson, who came to America in 1878. Their daughter Marie came in 1880. Her parents settled in North Hero township, where they engaged in farming and where the father died in 1897 and the mother in 1895. There were six children in the family: Carl, deceased; August, of New York city; Christine, deceased; Johanna, widow of A. S. Carlson of Walnut Grove; Marie; and Anna, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have four children: J. Harry, born November 16, 1881; Ellen A., born October 28, 1883; Anna M., born May 6, 1890; and Olga N., born March 23, 1892. J. Harry was married September 5, 1906, to Maude Gilbert, and they have one child, Eric Bradford, born December 28, 1907. Ellen A. was married June 27, 1902, to Edward B. Mondale of Bricelyn, Minn., born March 18, 1883, and they have four children; Lyle, born January 15, 1903; Ruth, born August 30, 1905; Walter, born July 26, 1907, and Frederick W., born June 2, 1916. Anna M. is residing at home, and Olga N. in Denton, Mont.

Mrs. Edward Billiet, widow of Edward Billiet, living on section 31, Gale township, Redwood county, was born August 3, 1871, in Belgium. Her maiden name was Mary Debout and she is the daughter of John and Theresa L. Debout. Her father, a native of Belgium, settled at Annawan, Henry county, Illinois, when he was twenty-one years of age, and, buying 320 acres of land, engaged in farming. He made many improvements, erected good buildings and resided there until his death, March 25, 1909. There were five children in the family: Peter, who died July 10, 1901; at the age of thirty-six years; John, who is connected with the Rock Island Plow Works, at Rock Island, Ill.; Mary, who married Edward Billiet; Charles, residing on the home farm in Illinois; and Leo, who is with the Rock Island Plow Company, Rock Island, Ill. Mary Debout was married to Edward Billiet, February 23, 1889, and they had the following children: William, born November 7, 1891, now a farmer in Wisconsin; Benjamin, born February 27, 1897; John, born November 30, 1899;

Emily, born June 10, 1901; Theresa, born November 19, 1902; Andrew, born June 12, 1906; Anna, born March 20, 1909; Rosie, born April 29, 1911; and Paul, born December 30, 1913. Edward Billiet was born in Belgium, October 1, 1864. There were five children in the Billiet family: Peter, a farmer in Henry county, Illinois; Jacob, formerly a farmer of Henry county, Illinois, who died March 1, 1909; Louise, now Mrs. D. Decker, of Henry county, Illinois; Antony, now a farmer of Graceville, Minn.; and Edward, deceased. Edward came to America in 1878 with his father, locating in Annawan, Henry county, Illinois, where he rented a farm of Henry Reuter for fourteen years. In 1902 he came to Redwood county and bought 345 acres in the western half of section 31, Gales township. Here he carried on general farming and raised graded Hereford cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs. He died April 25, 1913.

William Russell, a thrifty farmer of Kintire township, was born March 28, 1872, in Ontario, Canada, son of John and Isabella (Alexander) Russell. The father was a farmer, born in 1842 in Ireland, who died in 1890 in Canada. His wife Isabella, born November 3, 1845 in Scotland, came to Canada in 1848, and later to United States, locating in Kintire township, where she still lives. William Russell remained at home until nineteen years of age, and then, in 1891, the year after his father's death, came to Kintire township, Redwood county, Minnesota, where his mother bought the southwest quarter of section 26, the purchase being made in the following year, 1892. To this property has since been added the southeast quarter of section 27. In the same year, 1892, Mr. Russell built a house 20 by 24 feet, with a wing 14 by 16 feet, and a barn 24 by 58 feet, also setting out a fine grove. There were seven children in the family: Matilda, William, Isabelle, Carrie, Margaret, John and George. For the first few years they all had to put up with some hardships and discouragements, but conditions gradually improved until a fair measure of comfort and prosperity was attained, and which has never since left them. Mr. Russell was married October 14, 1908, to Alma Wolverton, who was born December 22, 1884, in New Avon township, Redwood county, daughter of John and Alicé (McCormack) Wolverton. Her father was born in 1860, in Illinois, and came to Minnesota, where he located a homestead of 160 acres. He retired from farming in 1912, moving to Redwood Falls, where he still lives. His wife was born in 1861. Mr. and Mrs. Russell have the following children: Verna, born September 10, 1909; Howard, born November 13, 1911; Edna, born September 6, 1914; and Douglass, born September 28, 1915. Mr. Russell is interested in the Farmers' Elevator at Delhi and belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, at Belview.



WILLIAM RUSSELL AND FAMILY

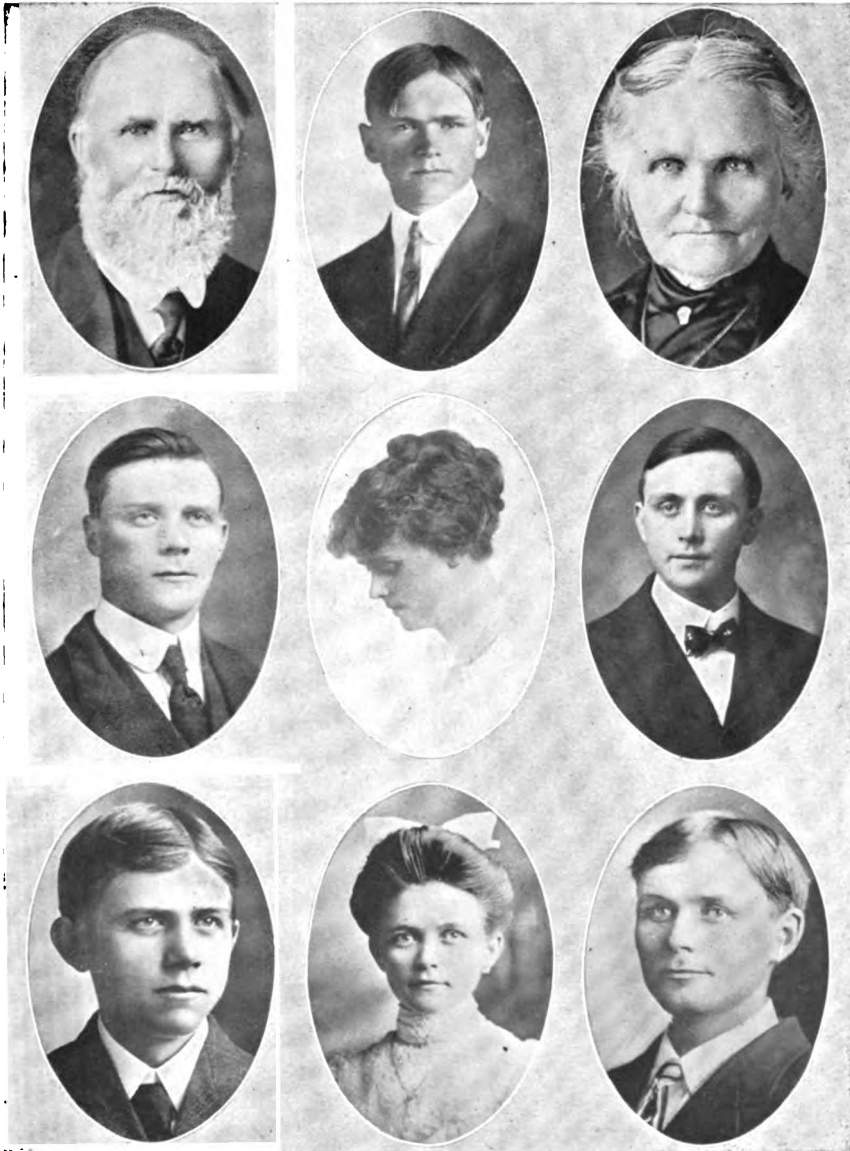
Charles G. Nelson, a successful farmer of Gales township, was born April 20, 1865, in Nicollet county, Minnesota, son of C. J. and Emily E. C. (Peterson) Nelson, both natives of Sweden. There were eleven children in the family: Jennie Z., Henry R., Chas. F. (deceased), Julia S., Chas. G., Emily A. (deceased), Phillip A., John L. (deceased), Lydia L., Leonard F. and Laura E. Charles G. Nelson grew up on the home farm and when his parents died took charge of the homestead on which he now lives. He has 160 acres in section 28, also 160 acres in section 10, Gales township, and has done much to improve the farm. He is a breeder of Shorthorn cattle and also raises a large acreage of corn and small grain. He and his brother Henry have been engaged in the threshing business in Gales township for the past twenty-nine years and he has been closely associated with his brother in all business activities. He has been active in local politics and is a progressive Republican. He is now serving on the school board of district No. 35.

Hakon Nelson was born in Sweden, October 4, 1859, son of Nels Johnson and Kathryn (Matson) Johnson, farming people who lived and died in Sweden. Hakon Nelson came to America in 1883, locating in Boston, Mass., where he staid for a short time. In 1886 he homesteaded 160 acres of land in section 34, Gales township, Redwood county, Minnesota, and engaged in farming. He built a small frame house which was later enlarged and remodeled into the present comfortable home. He also built good barns and outbuildings, and set out a grove which has now become a beautiful small wood, and he has also an orchard. During the first years he raised considerable flax and wheat, but now raises grains of all kinds. A great part of the land is set aside for pasture and meadow. Mr. Nelson has a good herd of Duroc Jersey swine and Hereford cattle. In politics he is Republican and has served as road overseer for several years. Mr. Nelson was united in marriage September 11, 1886, to Emma Hendrickson, who was born in September, 1860, in Sweden, daughter of Johan and Marie (Peterson) Hendrickson. There are the following children in the family: Ellen (Mrs. Hjalmer Wahlin, of Garvin), George, Minnie, Franz and Hilma. The family are members of the Swedish Lutheran church.

Charles Filkins, a successful farmer of Gales township, was born March 3, 1871, in Waterloo, Iowa, son of Theodore and Elizabeth (Trowbridge) Filkins, both natives of New York State. Theodore Filkins came to Iowa when eighteen years of age and was there married. His wife died October 2, 1905. There were eight children in the family: John, of Tracy; William, of Tracy; Neil, of Tacoma, Wash.; Charles (near Tracy); Addie, now Mrs. Fred Glazier, of Hudson, Iowa; Emma, now Mrs. Henry Brown, of Tracy; Ida, now Mrs. Archie Campbell, of Hudson, Iowa, and

Ralph, deceased. Charles Filkins came to Redwood county, Minn., March 2, 1898, and bought a farm near his present property. He bought his present farm of 280 acres in section 8, Gales township, in 1903, and now has one of the best improved farms in the township. There is a modern ten-room house, equipped with electric lights, two fine barns, 40 by 52, and other good buildings. He keeps Duroc Jersey swine, Hereford cattle and Percheron horses. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Filkins was married January 3, 1895, to Hattie Livengood, who was born in Pennsylvania, August 22, 1872, daughter of Peter and Ellen (Kelso) Livengood, whose children were as follows: Hattie, now Mrs. Chas. Filkins; Frank, deceased; Harry, residing in Illinois; Howard, at Los Angeles, Calif.; Ross, at Los Angeles, Calif.; Lucy, now Mrs. Chas. Davis, of Elk Lick, Pa., and Esther. Mr. and Mrs. Filkins have the following children: Earl, born October 9, 1895; Lou, November 1, 1897; Elizabeth, February 14, 1901; Theodore, August 3, 1904; Charles A., February 3, 1911, and Emma, January 1, 1913. The family are all members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Anton Weidemann, a retired farmer of Belview, was born in Norway, January 4, 1852, son of Andrew and Christena (Jonsrud) Weidemann. Andrew Weidemann was born in Norway, July 30, 1827, and came to Rock county, Wisconsin, in 1869, buying 90 acres of timber land in Newark township. He grubbed out the land and engaged in farming, living there for eighteen years. Then he sold out and went to Morgan county, Tennessee, where he died in 1905. His wife was born in 1834 and died December 10, 1910. Anton grew up on the farm and came to Kintire township, Redwood county, Minnesota, in 1881, buying 80 acres of land in section 3. He improved the farm and subsequently added 120 acres in sections 3 and 4. In 1913 he retired to Belview. Mr. Weidemann served as treasurer of the school board for 20 years, and as township supervisor for three years. He was a director of the State Bank at Belview for ten years, and stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company. Mr. Weidemann was married October 23, 1880, to Johanna Schjenken, who was born in Norway, December 4, 1850, and came to America in 1880. Her father, Jacob Schjenken, was born in 1827 and died in Norway in 1900. His wife, whose maiden name was Agnes Hanson, was born in 1825 and died in 1893, also in Norway. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Weidemann are as follows: Adolph, born August 26, 1881, residing at home; Christina, born November 26, 1882, who married Swen Anderson of Kintire township and has one child, Sylvia; Jacob, born May 17, 1884, of Tolna, N. D., unmarried; Axel, born October 30, 1885, now living in Swedes Forest township; Frederick, born May 21, 1889, who married Emma Danielson and lives on the old homestead; Isaac, born March 21, 1892, who married Elsie Abraham, resides in Swedes Forest township and has one



ANTON WEIDEMANN AND FAMILY

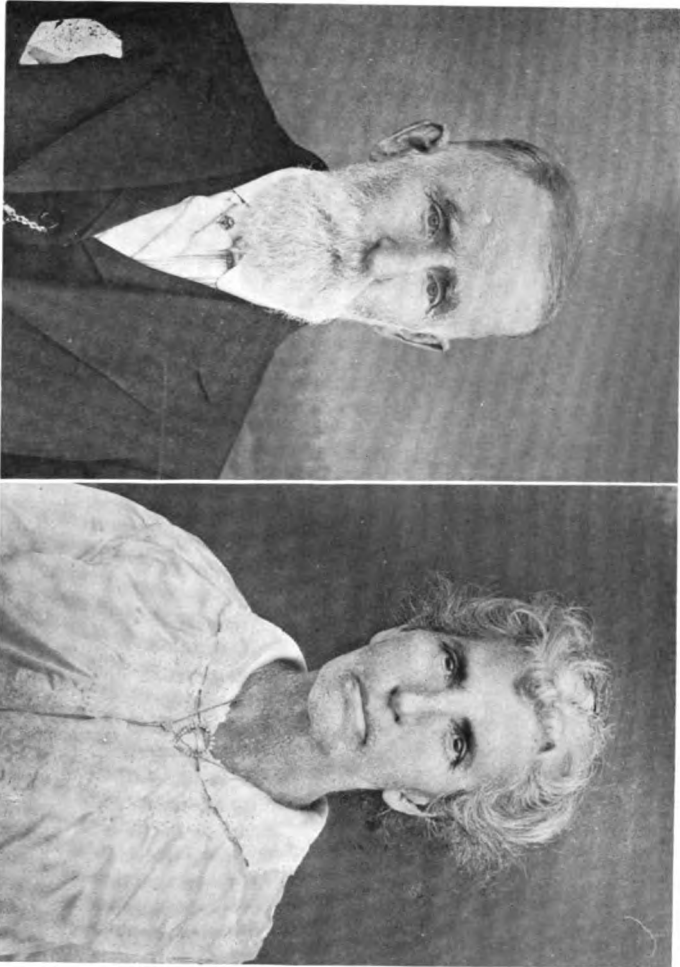
child, Arline; and Aurora, born March 22, 1895, who resides at home.

John J. Johnson, a progressive farmer of Gales township, was born in Norway, March 24, 1863, son of Jacob Johnnessen and Barbara (Peterson) Johnnessen. The father, Jacob Johnnessen, was born in Bergen, Norway, October 1, 1823. His wife was born in Norway, December 24, 1840. They came to America in July, 1871, and located in Harden county, Iowa. In 1873 they came to Redwood county and homesteaded land in section 32, Gales township. Building a good dugout and sod house, they began farming with two teams of oxen, which were used on the farm for several years. The father died on the homestead February 16, 1893, and his wife died in Tracy, September 17, 1907. Their children were: John J., subject of this sketch; Johnie, born August 13, 1865, who is a farmer in Springdale township; Peter H., born June 15, 1868, now a farmer in Springdale township; Martin, born March 1, 1870, who is also a farmer in Springdale township; Engvold, who was born July 26, 1872 and died August 9, 1896; Isabelle, born April 17, 1875, who died February 26, 1904; Albert, born April 6, 1877, who died July 6, 1901; James, born March 30, 1879, who died in infancy; Jennie, born April 4, 1880, who died November 18, 1902; Annie, born July 28, 1882, who was drowned June 12, 1892; Caroline, born March 27, 1885, who is now Mrs. Oscar Nordgren of Walnut Grove. By his first marriage Mr. Johnnessen had two children: Nels Maxwell, born July 25, 1853, and Jacob, born September 9, 1855, now of Aberdeen, S. D. John J. Johnson, when starting in for himself bought 160 acres in section 30, Gales township and plunged into work with enthusiasm. He labored hard, and successfully surmounted the various difficulties that arose. At the present time he has not only a well improved farm in section 30 but also owns 400 acres in Gales township in sections 19, 29, 31 and 32. He is an extensive raiser of grain and also raises Duroc Jersey swine and Shorthorn cattle, having several milch cows and Percheron horses. In politics a Republican, he has taken great interest in the public affairs of the town and has been chairman of the Gales township board for ten years. He is director and treasurer of and a stockholder in the Farmers Elevator Company of Tracy. He was administrator of both his father's and mother's estate, and showed business ability in looking after their affairs. Mr. Johnson was married December 29, 1892, to Caroline Tofting, who was born in 1869 in Norway and came to America in 1880 with her parents. The Toftings settled in Gales township, Redwood county, where her father engaged in farming. He died May 7, 1894; his wife died November 19, 1912. Their family of six children was as follows: Caroline, who married Mr. Johnson; Jake, a farmer of Gales township; Ida, who is now deceased; Ole and Andrew, also deceased, and

Helen, now Mrs. John Mattison, residing in Minneapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have had seven children: Millie, born September 11, 1894; Hjelmar, born August 29, 1896; Ernest, born April 17, 1898; Esther, born January 7, 1900, who is now attending school in Tracy; a child born February 23, 1901, who died in June the same year; Irene, born December 2, 1904, and Florence, born November 15, 1909. All the children reside at home.

John Lindquist, a retired farmer until recently residing in Wanda but now in Mankato, was born in Sweden October 2, 1863, son of John Lindquist. His mother died when he was eight days old and his father subsequently contracted a second marriage. John Lindquist was reared by his grandparents, John and Elizabeth Lundquist, and attended public school in Sweden. When he was fifteen years of age he emigrated to America to join his father, who had come to this country ten years previously and secured a homestead in section 12, Springdale township, Redwood county, Minn. Here John stayed one year and then went to Lamberton, where he worked on the farms of Mr. Bennet and Mr. Skelton. A year later he began work for Mr. Keller in Lamberton township, where he remained for a number of years. Next he bought 160 acres of partly improved land and soon added to it 160 acres more. On this farm he made his home for the next twenty-eight years, erecting new buildings and improving the place in every way. In 1911 Mr. Lindquist retired from active work and moved to Wanda, where he resided until his recent removal to Mankato. Mr. Lindquist has been prominent in local affairs. He served as township assessor for ten years and was also clerk of the school board. He also held office on the village board, serving as president of the board for one year. He was connected with the Bingham Bros. Elevator for two years and is a shareholder in the Lamberton Farmers Elevator Co. Mr. Lindquist was married May 24, 1885, to Anna Nelson, who was born in Denmark, Sept. 19, 1860, daughter of Peter and Sophia (Meyer) Nelson. The family, in which there were eight children, emigrated to the United States and located in Redwood county. The father died in 1913 at the age of seventy-five and the mother in 1895 at the age of fifty-five. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lindquist: William, Sophia, Hattie, John and Julia. The family are all members of the Scandinavian Lutheran church.

George I. Davis, one of the prominent men of New Avon township, was born in Kirtland, Ohio, April 1, 1848, son of Benjamin C. and Abigail (Finkle) Davis. The father, who was a minister of the Church of Latter Day Saints, came to Stillwater in 1853, where he also worked as a mechanic until 1870, and then moved with his son George to Redwood Falls. He died in 1888, and his wife died in 1892. December 24, 1864, George I. Davis enlisted in Company K, Second Minnesota Cavalry and



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE I. DAVIS

was discharged April 21, 1867. In 1869 he homesteaded 160 acres in section 8, New Avon township, where he now lives and owns 280 acres. His first house, 14 by 18 feet, was of frame with sod walls on the outside. He had a yoke of oxen and a wagon, but had no tools. At that time there was only one house in the township, and in 1870 there were five. In the winter of 1873 Mr. Davis made a trip to the Redwood River, a distance of fifteen miles, with his ox team, to get some wood, and the trip took four days on account of the snow and storms. He was one of the organizers of New Avon township and served as township supervisor for ten years, and was also township clerk and treasurer for a number of years. He was director and treasurer of school district No. 14, for twenty years. He is a stockholder in the Farmers Co-operative store, elevator and creamery, all of Wabasso, and also of the Redwood County Rural Telephone Co. Mr. Davis was married December 24, 1872, to Ellen Winslow, who was born August 15, 1852, in Maine, daughter of Elias and Sarah (Folsom) Winslow, the latter of whom died in 1882. Elias Winslow was a farmer of Maine, and later of Wisconsin, who came to Minnesota in 1871 and homesteaded in New Avon township, Redwood county. In 1873 he moved to Beaver City, Neb., where he remained until his death in 1879. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have had twelve children: Benjamin, a farmer of Montana; Bessie, wife of Robert Rathburn, a conductor on the Great Northern Railroad, of Havre, Mont.; Cora, wife of Manley Simning, a farmer of Redwood Falls township; Nettie, now Mrs. George Lawrence, Vancouver, B. C.; Wesley, a farmer of Paxton township; Mattie, who married Albert Clark, owner of a fruit ranch in Colorado, and died December, 1911; Philip, a farmer on the home place; Nellie, wife of George Parsons, proprietor of a garage in Montana; Orrin, a farmer on the home place; Edward, on a ranch in Montana; Andrew, on a ranch in Montana, and Edith, now Mrs. Samuel Robinson of Wabasso. In a recent communication Mr. Davis narrates some interesting reminiscences of his early career, as follows: "In 1871 I had to leave home and go somewhere to earn a little money to keep me and father through the winter, so I left father on the homestead and started for Mankato—I and a young man by the name of Daniel McPhee. We walked all the way to Mankato. It took us nearly three days to make the distance, but we were not long before we had a job. We hired out to a man by the name of Cornell, a retired minister, but his son was working the farm. They lived twenty-two miles south of Mankato in Blue Earth county. I earned some \$85 and then I came back home, feeling quite good with that little money in my pocket. We pulled through the winter all right, but when spring came I was up against a hard problem to get my seed for the ground which I had broken the year

before, for my cash had nearly all disappeared. But I got it just the same and I never saw such a crop as I raised that year. I had 11 acres of wheat and got 335 bushels off of that 11 acres, and my oats went fifty-five bushels to the acre; but I did not get the threshing done until the following spring, on account of a heavy fall of snow. Some thirty-six inches of snow fell about the 21st of October and it stayed until the next spring. There was no market for wheat here, only for some which I sold to two of my neighbors, so the balance I hauled to Mankato to market. I had no horse team, only a yoke of oxen. I don't remember how long it took to make the trip, but I think it was nearly a week before I got back home again. In 1872 we had pretty good crops and I thought I had struck it big, so I got married in the winter, December 24, 1872. In 1873, about the 20th of July, the grasshoppers came and took nearly everything—all of my crop of grain, but left my potatoes, and before they went away they laid their eggs in the ground; so the next spring was a hard spring for me, but I sowed my field. But when the grain came up the hoppers began to hatch, so I had a task on my hands to get rid of them. The State sent out what they called 'Hopper Dosers,' which were sheet iron pans about eight feet long and three feet wide and eight inches deep, and some coal tar to put in the pan. I used to hitch my team to it and haul it through and around my field, and you can just bet I got a whole lot of the hoppers. Everyone that went in was a sure 'goner,' for the tar killed them. Well, I did save some of my grain, probably one-third, but the hoppers stayed about five years with us, and when they left for good I was ready to go too; but I did not have any means to go, so I just stayed, and went to work with a strong desire to fight it out as long as I could. But just when I thought I had made good a hail storm came and took all of my crop—did not leave much of anything; so I had to leave my family and go to hunt work again. I did not have to go so far this time as I did before; but since the time I was hauled out I have been quite successful in all of my business. I am still living on the old homestead which I took in 1869, and am the only man except one now living in this town of New Avon that came here before 1879. I expect soon to leave the farm with my boys and move to Wabasso." The above account, given in Mr. Davis's own words, is a graphic description of what the settlers in this part of the Northwest had to contend with in pioneer days, and it is greatly to their credit that so many of them endured their misfortunes with a courageous spirit and "stuck it out" until better times came to reward them for their perseverance—a reward which they certainly earned.

Robert H. Somerville, a well known real estate man of Redwood Falls, was born in Virginia, March 28, 1849, son of Robert

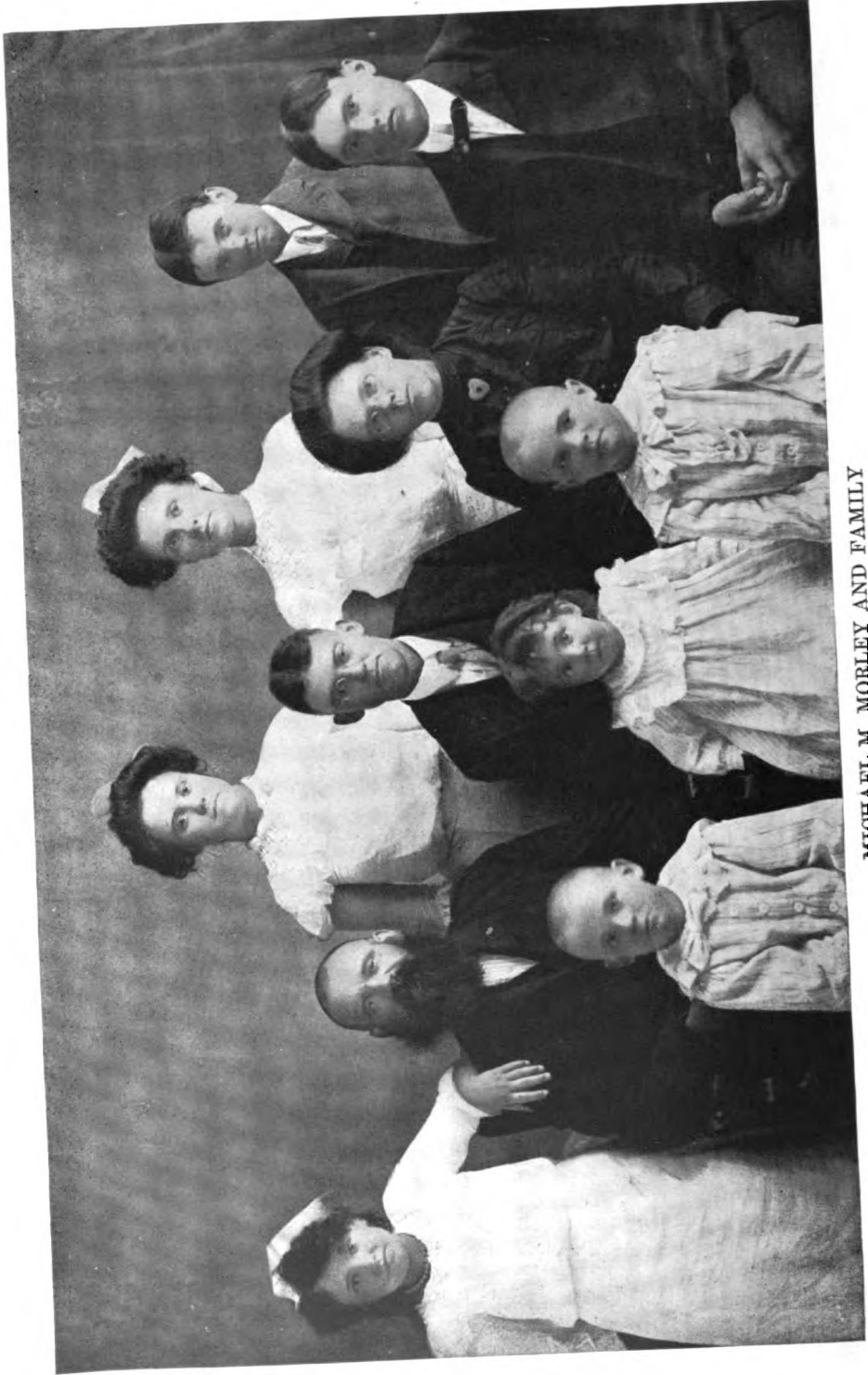
and Esther (Collins) Somerville. The father was born in Virginia and came to Illinois in 1862, locating in Livingston county, where he engaged in farming and died July 5, 1907, at the age of seventy-five years. His wife died January 18, 1909, at the age of eighty years. In 1871 Robert H. Somerville began farming in Illinois, where he rented a farm for ten years. Then he bought land in Livingston county, Illinois, and carried on general farming and also engaged in the real estate business. In 1904 he moved to Fairbury, Ill., and was engaged in the real estate business until 1910. He then sold out and came to Redwood Falls, Minn., where he continued in the same business. He also owns 160 acres of land in section 18, Three Lakes township, which is all fenced and well improved, and is operated by his son-in-law, C. W. Ruhl. He has a nice modern home in Redwood Falls. Mr. Somerville was married August 11, 1872, to Mary Jones, who was born Sept. 26, 1857, daughter of Robert Jones, a farmer in Michigan, who died in 1908 at the age of eighty years, and his wife Eliza (Ash) Jones, who died July 31, 1870, at the age of thirty-seven. Mr. and Mrs. Somerville have three children: Annie, born in 1874, who died at the age of seven; Josephine, born in 1877, now the wife of Clement W. Ruhl, a farmer of Three Lakes township, and who has nine children—Albert, Geneva, Helen, Melton, Agnes, Lorene, Dorothy, May and Clinton; and Louis, who died in 1879 at the age of five months.

Edwin Wells, a well known farmer of Delhi township, was born March 30, 1875, in Orangeville, Ill., son of Fred and Ellen (Kline) Wells. The father was born in Stephenson county, Illinois, Sept. 16, 1838, and died April 29, 1910, at Monroe, Wis. He was a progressive farmer and a man of education, well versed in various branches of knowledge. His wife was born in Pennsylvania, Oct. 5, 1843, and died at Monroe, Wis. There were five children in the family: Sivilla, now Mrs. L. E. Rote, of Redwood county; Jennie, wife of Charles Neuschwander, of Redwood county; Edwin; Bessie, now Mrs. Frank Bechtold, of Redwood county, and Byron, her twin brother, of Stephenson county, Illinois. Edwin Wells completed his education at Orangeville, Ill., and at the age of twenty-one rented his father's farm, where he lived for eleven years. Then he came to Redwood county and bought 120 acres of partially improved land in section 35, Delhi township. He has built silos, fences and outbuildings and has one of the best improved farms in the vicinity. He carries on diversified farming and keeps on an average of 25 cows for dairy purposes. His principal crops are wheat, corn, oats and barley, and he has 6 acres of alfalfa. In politics Mr. Wells is a Republican. Mr. Wells was married Sept. 9, 1896, to Anna Hugelshafer, who was born Jan. 20, 1879, at Orangeville, Ill., where they were married. Her parents, Henry and Elizabeth (Knoble) Hugel-

shafer, were born in Switzerland, but met and were married in Wisconsin. Her father, who was born in 1849, and who was in the cheese manufacturing business at Orangeville for many years, died in Orangeville, Ill., in 1897; her mother, born in 1845, is also deceased. There were six children in the family: Lizzie, deceased; Mary, now Mrs. Peter Baer, living in North Dakota; Anna, wife of Edwin Wells; Henry, of Stephenson county, Ill.; Maude, wife of John Baer, of Orangeville, Ill.; and Jennie, now Mrs. John Knoble, of Menomonie, Wis. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Well's children are: Lawrence, Grace and Ruth.

Frank L. Petrie, a well known farmer of Granite Rock township, was born March 31, 1876, at Cannon Falls, Goodhue county, Minn., son of Owen L. and Eliza (Adams) Petrie. Owen L. Petrie was born in 1842, in New York State and came west to Dodge county, Wis., where he bought 40 acres of land. In 1875 he sold it and came on to Minnesota, where he rented farms till 1893. In 1883 he moved to Redwood county and in 1893 bought 120 acres of raw prairie land in section 33, Granite Rock township. He began breaking the land and planted a grove, also building a rude house and barns, and in time he improved his farm. His death occurred March 8, 1906. He was married in Wisconsin to Eliza Adams, who was born in Vermont in 1835, and died in 1888. There were seven children in the family: Veloris, a farmer in California; Henry, now a farmer in Paxton township, Redwood county; Frank L.; Cecelia, wife of Tom Miller, a farmer in Colorado; Eva, who is single and lives with her brother Frank; Pet, born in 1863, who died in 1887; and Helen, born in 1878, who died in 1894. Frank L. Petrie remained at home and assisted in carrying on the home farm, on which he has since made various improvements. In 1899 he built a large barn and machine shed, and in 1911 rebuilt the house. He carries on general farming, raising a considerable quantity of grain. He has been a member of the school board for fifteen years.

Peter Drees, of the Lucan Hardware Company, was born in Germany, October 9, 1878, son of Mathias and Katherine (Jenniges) Drees. Mathias Drees was born in 1835 in Germany and came to America in 1894, locating in Willow Lake township, Redwood county, where he engaged in farming. He died March 23, 1898. There were eight children in the family: Marguerite, now living in Germany; John, a farmer of Gales township; Mathias, a farmer of Wanda; Helen, now Mrs. Lambert Ravertz, of Thief River Falls; Nicholas, of Red Lake Falls, who is engaged in driving wells; Peter, subject of this sketch; Barbara, who married Louis Olson of Wanda; and Hilarius. Peter Drees grew up on the home farm and in 1898 began working out as a farm hand. In 1900 he began tending bar in a saloon at Wanda and in 1905 bought a saloon at Clements. Selling out in 1906, he returned



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to Wanda, and bought a saloon there. In 1909 he took a trip to Germany, remaining seven months, and upon his return engaged in his former business, buying a saloon at Lucan. In 1911 he entered into partnership with A. R. Wegner, son of F. C. Wegner, in buying and selling farm lands. After being thus engaged until 1914, he then bought the hardware business of William Schoenenbach and entered into partnership with Fred C. Wegner under the firm name of Lucan Hardware Co. In this business he has since remained, and is now numbered among the thriving business men of Lucan.

Michael M. Morley, a well known agriculturist of Redwood township, was born in County Mayo, Ireland, February 2, 1856, son of Miles Morley, a stone mason, and his wife, Bridget (Jennings) Morley, both natives of the Green Isle. Michael Morley was reared much as other Irish boys of his time. He started out as a youth to seek his fortune in England, and for a time he worked in Staffordshire. But he longed for wider opportunities, and in 1881 set out for America. For a few months after arriving here he lived in Newark, N. J., and for four months in St. Paul, Minn., coming to Redwood Falls in the fall of 1882. For a time he worked on the railroad, but in the meanwhile, in 1883, he purchased the southwest quarter of section 19, in Redwood township. Still continuing to work on the railroad, he rented this farm until 1894, since which date he has occupied it, now having a large, well improved farm in sections 19 and 30, on which he very successfully conducts general farming and stock raising. For some years he specialized in wheat, but has now turned to diversified agriculture, having some 160 acres in clover, and 200 acres in corn. He makes a specialty of feeding cattle for the market, shipping each year a carload of cattle and a carload of swine. During his years of farm life Mr. Morley has made many improvements on his place, and has a splendid looking estate, with a good house, commodious barns and outbuildings, and an excellent equipment of tools and machinery. In addition to his farm interests he holds stock in the Redwood Rural Telephone Co., in the elevator at Redwood Falls, and in the hardware store, elevator and creamery at Wabasso. Taking, as he does, an active interest in the affairs of the community, he has served on the school board of district 46 some twenty-five years, part of the time as director and part of the time as treasurer. Mr. Morley was married February 21, 1881, to Annie Coleman, who was born May 1, 1858, daughter of Michael and Mary (Ruane) Coleman. To this union have been born nine children: James, Margaret, Michael, Mary, John, Ann, Joseph, Austin and Jane, whose record in brief is as follows: James, born December 18, 1883, is residing at home; Margaret, born September 25, 1885, married Edward Nelson, a farmer of Redwood Falls township; Michael,

born July 24, 1887, now lives in Canada; Mary, born July 15, 1889, is the wife of Marion A. Washburn of Milaca, Minn., and has one child, Elenora Gertrude; John, born May 14, 1891, is residing at home; Ann, born September 7, 1893, is the wife of William Hanson, a farmer of Redwood Falls township; Joseph, born January 2, 1896, is a student in the agricultural department of the State University; Austin, born November 23, 1897, resides at home; Jane, born July 12, 1900, is a member of the senior class of the Redwood Falls high school.

Homer A. Clipson, a successful young farmer of Redwood Falls township, was born in Vermilion county, Illinois, Jan. 19, 1890, son of Albert Clipson, a farmer and stockbuyer of Vermilion county, Illinois, and his wife, Ethlen (Sanford) Clipson. There were four children in the family: Homer, Lela, Russell and Pauline. At the age of twenty-one years Homer A. Clipson began renting his father's farm in Illinois. Two years later he rented the farm of his father-in-law, E. E. Mosier, in New Avon township, Redwood county, Minn. After a year, in September, 1913, he bought 160 acres of land in section 33, Redwood Falls township, where he now has a well improved farm. Five acres of his land are set out in alfalfa, and 55 in clover and timothy. Mr. Clipson was married Jan. 25, 1911, to Effie Mosier, born Sept. 16, 1893, daughter of E. E. Mosier, a farmer of New Avon township and his wife, Electa (Neal) Mosier. There were three children in the family: Opal, wife of Herbert Winn, a farmer of Redwood Falls township; Bruce, who died in 1892, at the age of three years; and Effie.

Otto Lindeman, a prosperous farmer of New Avon township, was born in Henryville township, Renville county, Minn., March 11, 1886, son of Herman and Martha (Schoemaker) Lindeman. Herman Lindeman was born in LeSeuer county, Minn., and lived in Renville county for a time, later operating a lumber yard at North Redwood from 1892 to 1900. He then organized a lumber yard at Danube and resided there until his death in 1901 at the age of forty-eight years. His wife now lives at North Redwood with her children, of whom there were eight in the family, namely: Otto, Esther, wife of Louis Garttner, a baker of Pueblo, Colo.; Ella, a teacher at Olivia; August, a rural mail carrier of North Redwood; Arthur, a student at the State University; and Paul, Dewey and Minnie, residing at home. Otto Lindeman was graduated from the Mankato Commercial College in 1906 and became bookkeeper at the Hubbard Milling Company at Mankato, being thus occupied one year. Then he attended the State Agricultural College and was graduated in 1910. For one year he was statistician for the State and Federal Governments at Marshall, Minn. For a year and a half he was farm manager at Albert, Canada. Then in 1913 he rented his

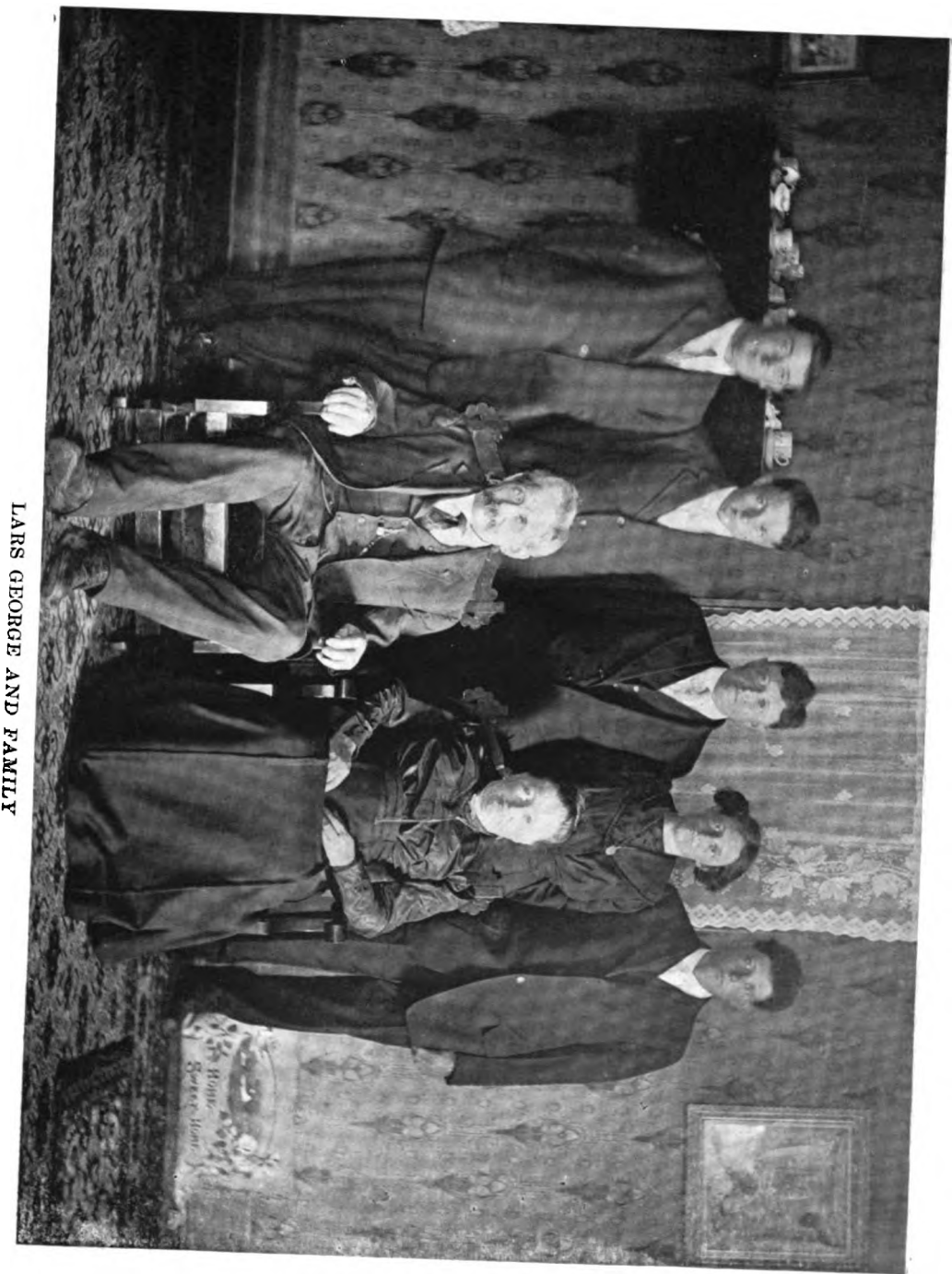
mother's farm of 320 acres, the north half of section 25, New Avon township, where he now is. The farm is well improved and fenced with woven wire. There is a barn, 36 by 70 by 16 feet. Fifty acres of his land are set out in clover and timothy. He makes a specialty of feeding stock for the market and ships two carloads of cattle and one carload of Duroc Jersey hogs every year. Fraternally he is affiliated with the I. O. O. F. of Redwood Falls. Mr. Lindeman was married August 27, 1913, to Julia Ash, daughter of James Ash, a pioneer farmer of Grant county, Minnesota, and his wife, Mary (Marple) Ash, who died in 1910 at the age of sixty-two years. Mrs. Lindeman was a graduate of the State Agricultural College in 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Lindeman have one child, Raymond L., born July 24, 1915. The family faith is that of the Church of the Evangelical Association of Redwood Falls.

Fred J. Carity, one of the proprietors of the Redwood Falls Steam Laundry, was born in Rice county, Minnesota, February 14, 1892, son of August and Louise (Beucler) Carity. The father is a retired farmer of Redwood Falls, who came to Minnesota in 1878 and to Redwood county in 1900. Fred J. Carity attended Brown's Business College, at Marshall, Minn., in the spring of 1911 and later worked for the Farmers' Elevator and Lumber Company at Redwood Falls for a year and a half. He then bought one-half interest in the Redwood Falls Steam Laundry with C. F. Martin. After a time he bought Mr. Martin's share and operated the plant a year by himself, subsequently taking Joseph Houle as partner. The plant which cost about \$6,500 and is run by electric power, is one of the most modern and best equipped in the state. It gives employment to six people. Recently over \$3,000 worth of the latest kinds of machinery and equipment were added. The firm has a fine business from the surrounding towns which they justly deserve. They ship baskets to Madison, Dawson, Wood Lake, Belview, Delhi, Morton, Fairfax, Gibbon, Sleepy Eye, Wabasso, Franklin, Lucan and Vesta. Mr. Carity is a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters and of the Catholic church. He was married October 27, 1914, to Edna Shippee, born April 21, 1892, daughter of Blucher Shippee, a farmer of Illinois who died May, 1911, at the age of forty-two years and his wife, Laura (Cole) Shippee, who now lives at Redwood Falls.

Harry George, a rising young farmer of Morgan township has spent his life on the farm which he now so ably conducts. As a boy he assisted his father in its operation, and as a young man, first in partnership with his brother, Willie, then with his brothers, Arthur and Elmer, successively, and later alone, has conducted the home place. He carries on general farming and makes a specialty of raising shorthorn cattle and Chester

White swine. His interest in the affairs of his neighborhood is shown by excellent service as clerk of school district No. 51. Born April 13, 1893, son of Lars and Mary (Johnson) George he is still a young man and his friends predict for him an unusually successful future. Mr. George was married February 18, 1914, to Nora Axland, who was born April 12, 1894, daughter of Nels and Helen (Molness) Axland, well known residents of Morgan. Mr. and Mrs. George have one child: Helen Marian, born April 3, 1915.

Lars George, one of the earliest settlers of Morgan township, was born in Denmark, April 9, 1848, and there grew to manhood. In 1871 he came to America, found his way to Minnesota and located in Brown county. It was in 1876 that he came to Morgan township, acquired 160 acres of land in section 26 and engaged in general farming and stock raising. His affairs were attended with prosperity and in time he increased his holdings to 684 acres of land on which he raised large herds of cattle, big flocks of sheep and much grain. As a public spirited citizen he served as town supervisor for ten years, as justice of the peace for a considerable period and as treasurer of school district No. 51 for many years. His fraternal affiliations were with the Modern Brotherhood and the United Workmen. After a life filled in busy labor, Mr. George died August 14, 1914, and his death was sincerely mourned by the entire community. Lars George was first married in 1872 to Maggie Peterson of Brown county, Minnesota, who died in childbirth and was laid to rest in the Prairieville cemetery. January 8, 1876, he married at Riceland, Minn., for his second wife, Mary Johnson, who was born in Denmark, February 27, 1859, daughter of Andrew and Ellen Johnson, and who came to this country with her parents in 1868, when nine years old, they settling in Riceland, where she lived until her marriage. Her parents are now deceased. Mrs. George is still living with her sons on the home farm. She bore to her husband seven children: William, Ida, Arthur, Harry, Elmer, Minnie and Elef. William, who is a farmer in Granite Rock township, this county, was born June 21, 1877. He married Mary Kragh of Evan, and has one child, Leona, who was born December 19, 1909. Ida, who was born December 11, 1879, is the wife of James Jensen, a farmer of Three Lakes township, and has had seven children: Elmer, Alfred, Anna, Myrtle (died in the hospital at Redwood Falls, July 26, 1916), Sadie, Sophie and Leonard. Arthur, born April 24, 1888, is a farmer of Granite Rock township. He married Emma Larsen but has no children. His wife, who was born January 5, 1893, was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Lars George from the Orphan's Home at Owatonna. She lived with them eight years before being married to their son, Arthur. Henry, born April 13, 1892, conducts the



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home farm. Elmer, born July 14, 1897, lives on the home farm with his mother and brother. Minnie, born November 26, 1881, married George Hansen, a farmer of Brown county, Minnesota, and died August 6, 1902. Elef, born July 1, 1886, died at the age of two years, eight months and four days.

Gust Zarbock, of Brookville township, was born in Germany, February 1, 1867, son of Frednon and Gusta (Roda) Zarbock. His father was born in 1830 and his mother in 1831, both natives of Germany. There were six children: Robert, Emil, Gust, Emma, Albert, and Hulda, all of whom are living. Gust Zarbock came to the United States in 1892 by steamer, being thirteen days on the ocean. He landed in New York and then came to Tracy, Minn., going to work on a farm near there at \$180 per year. He worked at this place for seven years. Then he bought a farm. In 1914 he moved with his family to his present location in section 21, Brookville township. Mr. Zarbock was married to Lena Schlismer. Five children were born to this union: Jennie, Lydia, Emma, Robert, and Viola.

Edward J. Volk was born in Nicollet county, Minnesota, April 14, 1870, son of Christ and Susan (Schuetz) Volk. Christ Volk was born in Germany and came to America in 1853, locating at Cincinnati. In 1868 he moved to Nicollet county, Minnesota, where he resided until his death in 1903 at the age of seventy-one years. During the Civil War he served for three years in an Ohio regiment and was wounded. His wife died December, 1892, at the age of fifty-six. Edward J. Volk remained at home until twenty-two years of age when he bought 160 acres in section 16, Three Lakes township, and lived there until March, 1915, when he moved to Clements. He served on the township board for three years and was treasurer of school district No. 106 for three years. Mr. Volk was married Dec. 12, 1893, to Annie Block, who was born Oct. 7, 1876, daughter of Andrew Block, a retired farmer, living near Morton, Minn., and his wife, Minnie (Tats) Block, who died in 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Volk have had eight children: Ida, wife of Emil Stricker, a farmer in Three Lakes township; Mary, now Mrs. Albert Stricker, of Clements; Meta and William, residing at home; Arthur, deceased; Edward, deceased; Raymond and Bernice. The family are members of the German Lutheran church of Clements.

Peter Wenisch, a young farmer of Brookville township, was born on his father's farm, in Brookville township, May 5, 1891, son of Martin and Mary (Goulden) Wenisch. His father was born in Germany, and when about fifteen years old came to the United States, locating at New Ulm, Minn., just before the Indian outbreak. He did farm work, and went to Illinois for about two years and then spent three years in Kansas. He returned to New Ulm and was married. Two years later he came to Brook-

ville township, this county, by horse team and located in section 30, where he rented a farm. For four years the grasshoppers destroyed his crops. Then he bought 160 acres in section 28, at \$10 per acre. He built a farm house and set out groves. He used a team of oxen to break up the ground. The nearest milling places were at Iberia, New Ulm and Golden Gate, and he went as far as New Ulm for wood. In time he added 240 acres more land to his holdings. He held township office and served as road overseer. He was a director of the school board for twenty years. He was a director of the Farmers' Creamery and also a stockholder in the State Bank at Springfield. He moved to Springfield, October 24, 1911, and is still living there. He has had the following children: Peter (deceased), Nick, Frank, Peter, Louie, Mary, Celia (deceased), Veronica, and one who died in infancy. The family faith is that of the Catholic church. He helped build the old church at St. Raphael. Peter Wenisch took charge of the farm in 1911, when his father moved to Springfield, and carries on diversified farming. He raises pure Poland China hogs, shorthorn cattle and graded Percheron horses. He was married to Bertha Wurnstein, born at New Ulm. They have two children: Erwin and Vincent.

William A. Hauck, a progressive merchant of Seaforth, was born in St. Paul, Minn., October 17, 1873, son of Jacob S. and Mary E. (Shue) Hauck. Jacob S. was born in Germany, May 18, 1832, and with his parents moved to Canada when about eight years of age. He was married to Mary E. Shue, April 27, 1856, and the same year they moved to St. Paul, where he worked as a carpenter until 1862. He enlisted August 14, 1862, in Co. E., Sixth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry and was honorably discharged May 10, 1865. He was with his regiment in the campaign against the Indians in Minnesota Valley and during the campaign in Arkansas and Alabama. He was later engaged in the grocery business in St. Paul, and in 1900 became interested in the general merchandise business with his oldest son, J. P., at Wood Lake, Minn. Although not active in the store business, he looked after his affairs in St. Paul until his death, which occurred July 20, 1908, at the old home on Olmsted street, St. Paul. His wife was born in Germany, March 24, 1834, and now lives with her son Fred, a poultry man at Spokane, Wash. William A. Hauck received a common school education, having attended the Washington and Franklin schools at St. Paul and the Curtiss Business College. He lived at home until 1889, when he became clerk for his brother, J. P., and his father in a general store at Wood Lake, and was so occupied until about 1897. He was then employed by Francois & Schmahl at Redwood Falls until 1900. He next became manager of their branch store at Wabasso, Minn., and in 1903 became manager of their branch store at Seaforth, Minn. In



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1904 he bought this in partnership with R. E. Burbridge of Minneapolis, and operated it under the firm name of W. A. Hauck & Co. He purchased his partner's interest in 1911 and now operates the store under the name of W. A. Hauck. He has been a member of the village council for two years and served as village recorder since 1911. For six years he has been clerk of the school district No. 104. Mr. Hauck was married at Clarion, Iowa, December 14, 1898, to Olive Lutz, born May 31, 1874, daughter of J. S. Lutz, of Sioux Falls, S. D., and Mary Doris Lutz, who died in 1913 at Sioux Falls, S. D., at the age of fifty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Hauck have two sons: William Clare, born November 18, 1901, and Dean Burton, born February 24, 1905. Mr. Hauck was entered as a charter member of Florence Lodge, U. D., A. F. & A. M., April 26, 1895, at Wood Lake, Minn., later chartered as Florence Lodge No. 216, A. F. & A. M. He became interested in the organization of Wabasso Lodge No. 245, A. F. & A. M., was Master several terms and became D. D. G. M. while a member there. At present he is a member of Antiquity Lodge No. 91, A. F. & A. M., and Redwood Chapter No. 34, R. A. M.; is Past Grand in Seaforth Lodge No. 259, I. O. O. F.; Past Master in Seaforth Lodge No. 254, A. O. U. W.; a charter member of Court Redwood No. 3797, I. O. F., and a member of Florence Chapter No. 117, O. E. S., in which Mrs. Hauck holds membership; also Seaforth Lodge, D. of H.

August H. Seebeck, a progressive farmer of Honner township, was born in Germany, August 9, 1849, son of John and Helen (Rush) Seebeck, and came to America with his parents in 1861. The father was a native of Germany and engaged in farming in LeSueur county Minnesota, where he subsequently resided until his death in 1887, at the age of seventy-five years. His wife died in 1898 at the age of seventy-six. August H. Seebeck worked out on the farms from the age of twelve to that of twenty-one years. His first wages were \$5.00 for three months' work. He plowed, mowed with scythe and cradled grain all summer for one pair of shoes with wooden soles, one pair of overalls, two shirts, one jacket and two pounds of wool. At the time of the Indian outbreak he was working out about eight miles east of Ottawa in LeSueur county, and was engaged in cradling wheat when the courier drove through and notified the people of the approaching danger. They at once dropped everything and three families there fled to Ottawa for safety. The men all went to New Ulm to join forces against the Indians, leaving young Seebeck and Fred Berndt to protect the women and children. The next night the men returned to their families. It was late when they returned and the boys thought it was the Indians coming. Young Berndt cautiously pushed open the door, while August Seebeck had raised his gun to fire when he recognized the late arrivals.

Young Seebeck felt bound to fight the Indians and next day got a neighbor's team and drove to the camp, 30 miles away, to join the troops. He stayed over night at the camp, but on account of his youth was rejected and, much disappointed, returned to where he had been working. Subsequently he learned the miller's trade and worked at it for nine years. Then he farmed in LeSueur county for two years and in the fall of 1879 came to Redwood county and rented a farm in Paxton township until 1884. He next bought 40 acres in section 32, Homer township and now owns 160 acres in the same section. He owned at one time 440 acres. Mr. Seebeck has made many improvements on his farm. In 1900 he built a comfortable nine-room house, having previously erected a barn in 1890. He has a fine apple orchard of 550 trees. As a stockman he raises Hereford cattle, Duroc Jersey swine and Percheron and Belgian horses. Taking an active interest in public affairs, he has served as assessor for two years, chairman of the township board for three years, is now a member of the board of supervisors, and for six years has been clerk of the school board. He is a member of the Farmers' Elevator of Redwood Falls and of the Redwood County Fair Association. Mr. Seebeck was united in marriage March 15, 1877, to Bertha C. Soltau, who was born February 2, 1860, daughter of Jurgen Soltau, who died in 1896 at the age of seventy-four years, and his wife, Rebecca (Shoemaker) Soltau, who died in 1879 at the age of fifty-four. Mr. and Mrs. Seebeck have had twelve children: George W., a druggist at Conrad, Mont.; Garfield, who died in 1900 at the age of nineteen; Hattie, wife of Ewald Schulz, a farmer; Ella, wife of Harry Barnes, a farmer; Carolyn V., a teacher; Herbert B., at home; Bertha C., wife of Arthur Dittbenner, of Echo; Walter; Ormie; Harold; and Grace, and one who died in infancy.

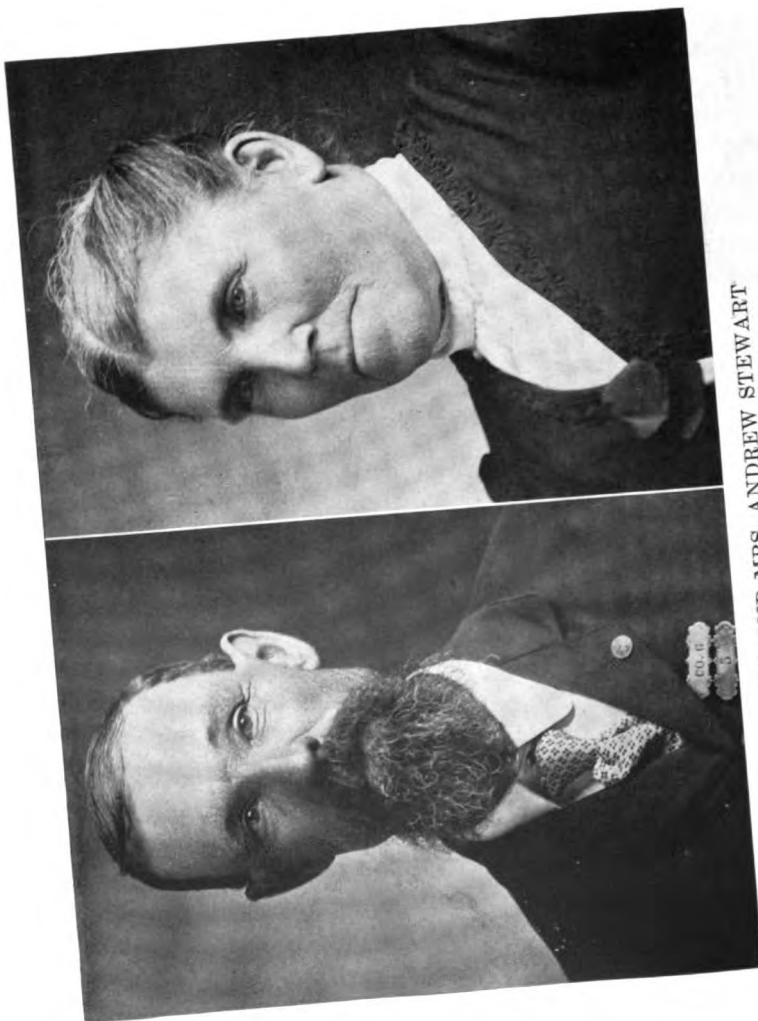
Hans Knudsen, an enterprising farmer of Morgan township, was born in Denmark, June 13, 1876, son of Christian Hansen and Hanna (Hansen) Knudsen, farmers of Denmark. Two of Mrs. Christian Knudsen's sisters, Martha and Maren, had come to the United States in the early days. Martha, arriving first, located at Racine, Wis., where she married Christian Eichart Hansen, and came by ox team to Evan, Minn. St. Peter was then the nearest market. Maren, the other sister, was married in Denmark to Nels Matsen and later came with her husband and family to Evan, Minn. Christian Knudsen and his wife had eleven children, two of whom, Johanna and Anna, were by a former marriage of Mr. Knudsen's. The children by the second marriage were: Carl, Sophia, Christian, Adolph, Hans, Amelia, Christopher, Julianus, and Gertel. Christian was the first member of this family to come to the United States. In 1893 Hans came to Evan, Minn. He had borrowed his fare from his uncle, Christian Eichart Hansen, and stayed with him the

first winter and worked for him the next summer at \$15 per month to pay him back. That fall he worked with a threshing outfit and then went to Mitchell county, Iowa, where he worked on a farm for three years at \$10 a month during the winter and at \$20 a month during the summer. One winter he went to school to learn English and worked for his board. Next he returned to his native country and visited for about three months. While there he was married to Christina Rasmussen, born in Denmark, April 6, 1872. They came to Iowa and at first both worked on the farms, his wife receiving \$2.00 a week and he \$20.00 a month. The next year they rented a small farm, receiving one-third of the crop. The following year they came to Minnesota and rented for two years a farm from C. D. Gilfillan in Paxton township. Then they went to Evan, where they rented a farm for three years, and in 1903 bought 150 acres in section 18, Morgan township, Redwood county. There were no buildings or trees on the place, but most of the land had been plowed. Mr. Knudsen built a barn 26 by 24, which has since been replaced by a larger building, 46 by 52 feet. His first house was 16 by 28 feet and now has a 16 by 16 addition. He set out three acres of trees for a grove and three acres of fruit trees. He keeps a good grade of stock. For the last three years Mr. Knudsen has served on the school board and is a member of the Morgan Farmers' Elevator Company and Creamery. He is a member of the Danish Lutheran church and has served on its board of trustees. Mr. and Mrs. Knudsen have ten children: Robert, Olga, Carl, Dagny, Christopher, Harry, Helen, Lillie, Rudolph, and one unnamed child, who died in infancy. All are living at home.

Emil Tonak, a prosperous and successful farmer of Sundown township, comes of pioneer stock, having been born on his father's homestead in the township where he still resides, September 23, 1874, son of August and Mary (Brandt) Tonak. Reared on this place, he attended the schools of the neighborhood and remained with his parents until he was twenty-six years of age. Then he left home and rented 160 acres of land in section 17, of which by making gradual payments, he in time became the owner. Through the early days of his occupancy on this land his pluck and endurance were taxed to the utmost. One year his crops were totally destroyed by hail and the yield was so poor for several seasons that he was compelled to eke out his income by working with a threshing crew, with Joseph Bellig, but in time, he reaped the results of his intelligent hard work. He improved his buildings, developed his farm, and in 1912 greatly increased the value of the place by erecting a machine shop, a corn crib 28 by 32 feet, and a granary 24 by 40 feet. On this excellent place he conducts general farming and raises a good grade of stock, disposing of the cream from his herd to the Wanda Creamery, in which he is a

stockholder. In public affairs, he has served as constable in Sundown township for three years. Mr. Tonak was married in 1901 to Ida Bellig, who was born in Steele county, this state, March 21, 1880, daughter of Peter Bellig. Mrs. Tonak has proven a loyal and encouraging helpmate in all her husband's undertakings. She is a member of the Mothers' Club, the Ladies' Aid Society and of other organizations. The family faith is that of the German Lutheran church.

August Tonak, one of the earliest settlers of Sundown township, was born in Germany, April 5, 1844, youngest of the four children of John and Julia (Schafer) Tonak, the others in the family being Ernestina (now deceased); Henry, still in Germany, and Minnie, now deceased. August was reared and educated in his native land and set out for himself in 1869 by coming to the United States. After working for a while in Wisconsin, he secured work at Stillwater, this state. It was in 1871 that he obtained a homestead of wild land in section 18, Sundown township, with a team of \$500 horses. Owing to the hard times, however, he went back to Wisconsin in the winter of 1873, and worked at chopping and hauling wood for his father-in-law, Henry Brandt, leaving a neighbor to look after his few head of cattle. A few months later he returned and again took up his work on the farm. In 1875 one of his horses died, and he traded the other for a pair of oxen. Mr. Tonak suffered all the hardships and privations of pioneer life, and did his part in the upbuilding of the county, having been one of the original organizers of the township. In June, 1872, he built a frame house, 14 by 18 feet, one of the first in the vicinity. Other buildings were erected as necessity required, and his land was gradually developed until his place has become as good as any in the neighborhood. In addition to his general farming, he early turned his attention to dairying and was one of the earliest stockholders of the old Sundown creamery, later becoming one of the stockholders of the Wanda Creamery. In every way he is an estimable citizen and is regarded as one of the representative and useful members of the community. The family faith is that of the Lutheran church. In the early days they attended services at the log cabin of Ferdinand Schwartz, at Springfield, and there the children were baptized and confirmed. A few years ago, however, they assisted in building the church at Wanda, and there they now attend services. Mr. Tonak was married in 1872 to Mary Brandt, who was born in Marine Mills, this state, May 11, 1858, daughter of Henry and Anna (Heins) Brandt, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Tonak have been blessed with twelve children: Henry, born April 29, 1873 (died September 23, 1873); Emil, born September 23, 1874; August, July 8, 1876; Anna, June 13, 1878; Caroline, July 20, 1880; Emma, August 9, 1882; Mary August 20, 1884; Henrietta,



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November 5, 1886; Bertha, December 25, 1888; William, April 26, 1890; Minnie, September 3, 1891; and Herman, July 28, 1895. Emil lives not far from his father. August lives at Wabasso, Anna at Lamberton, Caroline at Osceola, Wis., Emma at Sundown, Mary in Vail, and Minnie in Sundown.

Andrew Stewart, an influential citizen of Delhi, was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, May 1, 1841, son of Hugh and Ann (McLean) Stewart, with the former of whom he came first to Ontario, Canada, and then to Wabasha county, in this state. From there he enlisted in 1861 in the Fifth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, was mustered in at Ft. Snelling, served under Generals Grant and Sherman, and took part in some thirty engagements, among which may be mentioned the battles of Corinth, Richmond and Red River. After his discharge as a corporal at Demopolis, Ala., September 6, 1865, he returned to Wabasha county. He first came to Redwood county in 1870, when he drove Isaac Leslie here, and broke forty acres of land for him. In 1875 he settled here permanently, securing the south half of section 18, Delhi township. He set at work with a will, erected a house, and started to break the land. His first crop of wheat was destroyed by the grasshoppers in 1876. But he kept at work with undaunted courage, and in time achieved success. His barn, 44 by 44 feet, was erected in 1877. A corn crib, 18 by 24 feet, was built in 1890. In 1895 the original six-room house was remodeled and enlarged to nine rooms. Other buildings and sheds were constructed as necessity required. For many years Mr. Stewart carried on general farming, making a specialty of Hereford cattle, Percheron horses and Duroc Jersey swine. In 1910 he retired and moved to Delhi village, where he has a pleasant home on one of its prettiest streets. His financial holdings include stock in the Farmers' Grain & Fuel Co., of which he is one of the directors. As school director he has done good service for several years. His fraternal affiliations are with the G. A. R. Post at Redwood Falls. He and his family are faithful members of the Delhi Presbyterian church, in which he served as a member of the building committee in 1890. Mr. Stewart was married December 12, 1872, to Catherine McLean, who has the distinction of being the first white girl to be married in the township. Mrs. E. G. Pomroy is the first white woman to be married from the township, but was married at Redwood Falls. Mrs. Stewart was born January 21, 1848, in Ontario, Canada, daughter of John and Sarah (Duncan) McLean, both natives of Scotland who came to Canada in 1846 and to Redwood county in 1870, where they bought 160 acres of land in section 18, Delhi township, on which they spent the remainder of their days, he dying in 1877 and she in 1893. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have the following children: Sarah D., born December 21, 1873, engaged in teaching school; Annie,

born March 3, 1876, now Mrs. John McKay, of Kintire township; Mary E., born August 24, 1879, now Mrs. Andrew Smith, of Illinois; John L., born September 1, 1881, a farmer at Delhi; Hugh S., born October 15 1885, and died April 4, 1902; Edna A., born October 30, 1889, a high school teacher. Mrs. Stewart is one of ten children, all the others now being dead except her brother, Daniel McLean, who is secretary of the Redwood County Rural Telephone Co.

Hugh Stewart was born in Argylshire, Scotland, in 1797, and there married Ann McLean, who was born in that neighborhood in 1802 and died in 1854. He came to Ontario, Canada, in 1855, and three years later moved to Wabasha county, this state. In the fall of 1875 he came to Redwood county, and spent his declining years with his children. He was the father of nine children, of whom there are now living three: Andrew, of Delhi; Isabelle, now Mrs. John Cummings, also of Delhi; and John, who lives in Tacoma, Wash.

Louis P. Christensen, for several years a substantial farmer of Willow Lake township, was born in Denmark, February 2, 1849, son of Chris and Anna Marie (Nelson) Christensen, both natives of Denmark and parents of ten children, three girls and seven boys, three of whom came to the United States. Louis P. and his brother, Christian, came in 1869 and located in Racine, Wis., where he acquired a house and lot. In 1892 he traded his property there for an 80-acre tract of wild prairie land in section 18, Willow Lake township, Redwood county. On this tract, he built a frame house, 16 by 20 feet to which many additions have since been made and now is a fine substantial farm house. He also built a barn and many other necessary farm buildings, set out groves, and by his perseverance and energy became the proud owner of a well developed farm. Being interested in dairying he held stock in the local creamery, and did what he could to assist in its upbuilding. His death, August 3, 1913, is still sincerely mourned. Mr. Christensen was married in Racine, March 28, 1874, to Nicolene Hansen, born Dec. 12, 1852, a native of Denmark and daughter of Hans and Martha (Nelson) Hansen. Mrs. Christensen came to the United States in 1872, and located in Racine, where she was later joined by her sisters, Tillie and Sarah, another sister remaining in the old country. Mr. and Mrs. Christensen had eleven children: Jennie, Anna (deceased), Nellie (deceased), Julius (deceased), Martha (deceased), Edward, Adolph, Albert, Louis, Walter and George, all born at Racine. Jennie married James L. Johnson and they live in Minneapolis. Edward married Meta Lippert, and they live in Lamoure county, North Dakota. They have three children, Mabel, Emmett and a baby. Adolph married Elfreda Seibert, and they have one child, Norma C. Albert married Ida Lippert, and they live in

Aberdeen, S. D. Louis married Emma Lippert, and they live in Willow Lake township. As a memento of the early days, the family still preserves the old spinning wheel on which their mother spun the yard for their caps, mittens and socks.

Willard C. Mann, a prosperous farmer of Honner township, was born in Goodhue county, Minnesota, May 27, 1862, son of Edwin A. and Mary (Everett) Mann, the former of whom was born in Massachusetts, and came to Goodhue county, this state, in 1862 and there farmed until 1905 when he moved to Redwood Falls. Willard C. Mann remained at home until twenty-three years of age, helping his father on the farm. Then he bought his present farm of 160 acres in section 19, Honner township, Redwood county, later increasing his holdings to 600 acres. He now has a well improved place and carries on general farming, making a specialty of raising Hereford cattle, doing some dairying and shipping a considerable number each year. He is also an extensive breeder of swine. Mr. Mann's public work has included service as assessor for fifteen years and on the township board for six years. He was one of the organizers of the North Redwood Co-operative Creamery and served as its first secretary for eight years. He is also a stockholder in the Farmers' Elevator Company and was its first secretary. Mr. Mann was married October 30, 1888, to Laura Simpson, born September 15, 1866, and died January 8, 1907. She was the daughter of David Simpson, a pioneer farmer of Goodhue county and his wife, Ellen (Peck) Simpson. Mr. and Mrs. Mann had five children: Everett and Harold, who farm on their father's land; Ellen, Clarence and Ralph. Mr. Mann's place is known as the Camp Pope Farm. It was from here that General Henry H. Sibley set out on his expedition against the hostile Sioux, June 8, 1863, as fully related elsewhere in this work. A suitably inscribed marker has been erected to commemorate the event.

Henry R. Nelson, a prominent and successful farmer of Gales township, was born in Winona county, Minnesota, son of Charles J. and Emily E. C. (Peterson) Nelson. Both parents were natives of Sweden and married there. The father was born June 19, 1832, and died October 3, 1906; the mother, born July 11, 1835, died October 1, 1914. Coming to America in 1857, they remained in New York state for a short time, and then they moved to Rockford, Ill., where the father engaged in work as a stone mason, which trade he followed until 1863, when he homesteaded land in Nocollet county. In 1873 he moved to Minneapolis, where he again followed his trade for about a year. In 1874 he, with his family, moved to Gales township, Redwood county, Minnesota, and he pre-empted a claim in section 28, where his son, Charles, now lives. The journey to the new home was made in a covered wagon drawn by oxen. Mr. Nelson improved the farm and also

took active part in the affairs of the township. He was a Republican in politics. He was one of the organizers of Gales township, and a member of the township board for many years, the first meetings being held at his home until the school house was built in 1879, when they were held there. He was also for many years a member of the school board of district No. 35. He and his wife had eleven children: Jennie, widow of William A. Rawlings, and now living in Springdale township; Henry R., of Gales township; Charles F. (deceased); Julia S., widow of L. W. Larson; Chas. G., a farmer of Gales township; Emily A. (deceased); Philip A., of Lyon county, Minnesota; John L. (deceased); Lydia L., now Mrs. William J. Davidson of LeSueur Center, Minn., said to have been the first white girl born in Gales township; Leonard F., of Tracy, Minn.; and Laura E., now Mrs. A. C. Hawes of Robbinsdale, Minn. At the age of twenty-one years Henry R. Nelson engaged in farming for himself, purchasing his present farm in section 27, Gales township, from the railroad company. He began working with untiring energy and the results have justified his efforts. He now owns 240 acres of well improved land, raises considerable grain and keeps a good grade of stock, including Hereford cattle and Duroc Jersey swine. With his brother, Charles G., he has operated a threshing outfit for the past 29 years. He has brought to a practical realization his idea of a straw stoker or self-feeder for a straw-burning threshing engine, received a patent for the same in 1898 and has used it successfully ever since. He built his present house in 1892 and a fine barn in 1900. Politically he is a Republican. Mr. Nelson was married in 1887 to Kate A. Joyce, who was born in 1860, near Madison, Wis., daughter of James and Sarah (Slattery) Joyce. Her father enlisted in the Seventeenth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, Company F., in 1861, and served under Generals Grant and Logan throughout the war. He was once wounded and was honorably discharged in 1865. He then engaged in farming in Mazomanie, Wis., and died in 1900 at the age of seventy-nine years. The mother died in 1898 at the age of seventy-two. There were the following children: P. J. Joyce, John Henry Joyce, Kate A., Sarah Ann, and Mary Jane. Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Nelson's children are: Emily Rose, Sarah A., Robert, Jr., Joyce C., and Walter H. The family faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Phillip A. Nelson, son of Charles J. and Emily E. C. (Peterson) Nelson, at the age of twenty-one purchased a quarter section from the railroad company in section 28, Gales township. Later he traded this land for a quarter section in Amiret township, Lyon county, where he now owns half a section of land, which is well improved. He raises a good grade of beef cattle and hogs and is very active in politics and in the promoting of



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county and state roads in his county. He also owns a half interest in a 160-acre farm in Springdale township, Redwood county. In 1895 he was married to Anna Johnson, and they have two children: William N. and Dorothy.

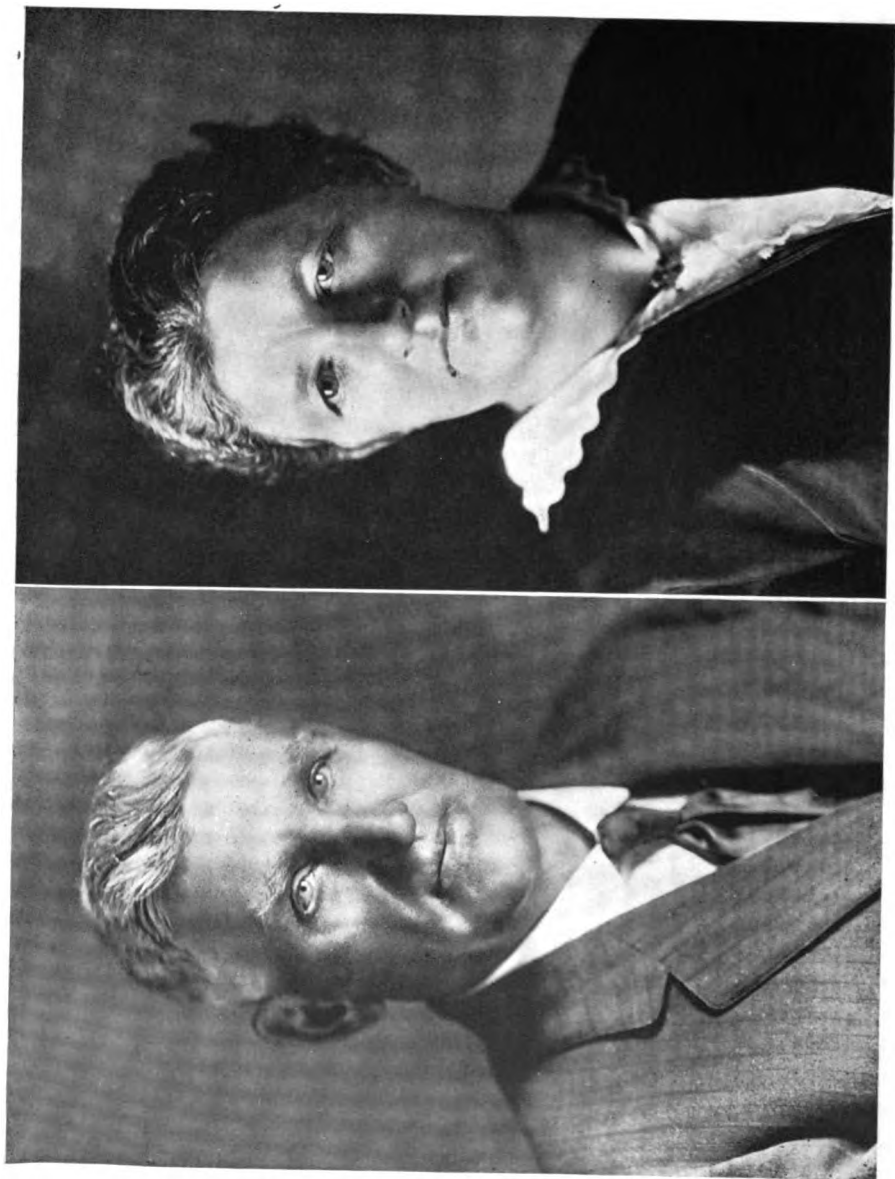
Leonard F. Nelson, son of Charles J. and Emily E. C. (Peter-son) Nelson, at the age of twenty-one years engaged in threshing, which business he followed for two years. In 1901 he, together with his nephew, F. H. Rawlings, who also had been his partner in the threshing business, opened a general store in Vesta, Redwood county, then a new town, where they did business for about two years. At the end of that time Mr. Nelson, with his brother, Phillip A., engaged in the wheat buying business in Milroy, Redwood county, then a new town, where they bought grain, cattle, hogs and sheep for shipment to eastern markets. In 1908 he entered the Citizens State Bank at Tracy, Minn., where he worked as assistant cashier for seven years. He owns 160 acres of well improved land in Monroe township, Lyon county, and also has a half interest in 160 acres of well improved land in Springdale township, Redwood county. At the present time, 1916, he is engaged in business in Tracy, Minn. Mr. Nelson was married in 1913 to Isabelle Abernathy.

James Gaffney, a pioneer, was born in County Caven, Ireland, and came to America as a young man, locating in Illinois, and from there going to California by way of Cape Horn. After a year's stay in the mining district there, he returned to Illinois. Next, he moved to Waseca county, Minnesota, in 1858, and located on a farm, where the city of Waseca now stands, going from there to Rice county where he stayed about one year. Then he drove with oxen into Renville county, went up along the Sacred Heart creek and lived there during 1865-66. In the spring of 1866, Mr. Gaffney located a homestead of 160 acres of wild prairie land in section 3, Flora township, where his son, Edmund, now lives. Here he built a log building, made out of hollow logs called scoop logs. Later he built another log house which had a shingled roof. The first township election of Flora township was held in the first of these log cabins. At that time there were about fourteen voters in the township. Mr. Gaffney began to break up the land with his ox team and improve the farm. He was a member of the Catholic church. He died in 1884 at the age of eighty years. Mr. Gaffney was married in Illinois to Mary Powers, daughter of John Powers, a native of Ireland. Mrs. Gaffney died in 1870, at the age of thirty-seven.

James P. Gaffney, county commissioner, successful farmer, and well known citizen of Delhi township, was born in Waseca county, Minnesota, December 30, 1864, son of James and Mary (Powers) Gaffney, who in 1865, brought him to Flora township, Renville county, where they are numbered among the earliest of

the pioneers. Here James P. Gaffney was reared, attended district school, grew to manhood and learned agricultural pursuits from his father. In 1892 he started out for himself by purchasing 160 acres of wild land in section 14, Delhi township, where he still resides. In the nearly quarter of a century that has elapsed since that time he has brought the place to a high stage of development. On the raw prairie he erected a four-room house and a small barn, planted a grove of cottonwood, ash and box elder, started an orchard of apples, plums and cherries, and set at work with a will to establish himself as a representative and substantial member of the community. Everything about the place has kept pace with the march of time. His first barn was burned in 1897 and was replaced the same year with a larger structure, 16 by 46 feet. In 1913, the present stone and cement modern barn was erected, 44 by 64 feet. In 1904 the original house was remodeled and increased to its present proportions. As necessity has required, a granary, corn crib, chicken house, sheds and the like have been erected. Mr. Gaffney carries on general farming, raises good diversified crops, and makes a specialty of Shorthorn and Aberdeen-Angus cattle, Poland China swine and a good grade of horses. Mr. Gaffney began to take an interest in public affairs soon after his arrival in this county. For fourteen years he did excellent service as town supervisor. He was also a member of the school board of district 53 for six years and served for a similar period as road overseer. In these various capacities he so thoroughly won the approbation of his fellow citizens that in 1912 he was elected county commissioner from the 5th district, a position in which he has since served with satisfaction to his constituents and with credit to himself. Fraternally, Mr. Gaffney is a member of Redwood Falls Camp, No. 3797, Independent Order of Foresters. Mr. Gaffney was married Dec. 13, 1886, to Mary Smith, born March 23, 1868, in Flora township, Renville county, this state, daughter of John and Julia (Falkel) Smith, natives respectively of Germany and Poland, who came to this country, were married in LeSeuer county, this state, and settled in Flora township, this county, among the earliest pioneers. Mr. and Mrs. Gaffney have three children: Mary Annie, Joseph F. and James A. Mary Annie was born May 7, 1888, married E. H. Lechner, of North Redwood, this county, and has two children: Lois and James E. Joseph F., born April 24, 1890, and James A., born March 23, 1894, are both farming at O'Brien, Mont.

Alvin Duncan, for several years a prominent farmer of Kintire township, was born in Dodge county, Wis., November 4, 1848, and was there reared. As a young man he engaged in the milling business and eventually acquired a saw and gristmill of his own. In 1885 he started farming in Spencer, Clay county, Iowa. There



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he remained until 1898 when he drove overland by team to Redwood county, and with Hugh C. Duncan, purchased the southeast quarter of section 36, Kintire township, each having an 80-acre tract, where he successfully farmed until 1907, when he retired and moved to Redwood Falls, where he now resides. Mr. Duncan was married June 28, 1870, to Emma J. Cowan, who was born September 26, 1853, at Boltonville, Wis., daughter of Hugh and Lydia (Oberdorf) Cowan. Hugh Cowan was born in 1823, enlisted in 1861 in Co. B, Twelfth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, and died in 1862, at Racine, Wis., on the way home.

Hugh C. Duncan, a well known farmer of Kintire township, was born in Boltonville, Washington county, Wis., son of Alvin and Emma J. (Cowan) Duncan. He received a high school education, and in 1907 took charge of his father's farm, and also rented a tract in Sheridan township. In 1910 he bought his father's farm in section 35, Kintire township. To this he has added until he now operates 280 acres. He has developed the farm in many ways, and has erected suitable buildings until he now has as good a place as is to be found in the neighborhood. He carried on general farming and makes a specialty of Duroc Jersey swine. Mr. Duncan was married March 6, 1907, to Jessie M. Duncan, who was born at Boltonville, Wis., November 8, 1876, daughter of Albert and Almyra (Hall) Duncan, the former of whom was born December 18, 1843, in Dodge county, Wisconsin, and the latter of whom was born April 21, 1842, in Syracuse, N. Y. Albert Duncan was taken to Washington county, Wisconsin, by his parents, when two years of age, and as a young man operated a saw and gristmill for twenty-five years. He is now a prosperous farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan have two children: Hubert, born November 25, 1909, and Hazel Emma, born December 29, 1915.

Andrew J. Sundine, a prosperous farmer of Kintire township, is one of the best known men in this part of the county, and has achieved more than the usual measure of success. Coming to America as a poor boy, he saw strenuous life as a member of a railroad construction crew in Canada, and finally settled down on his present farm, to which he has since devoted his time and attention. His home is set in a beautiful grove, and the spreading front lawn is beautified with flower beds and shrubbery, through which a drive leads to the front door, giving the place the appearance of an estate in the old country. His barn is one of the largest in the community, and is equipped with every modern convenience, while the other buildings are ample and commodious. Mr. Sundine was born in Sweden, April 29, 1854, son of Samuel and Anna (Anderson) Somerson, the former of whom was born in Sweden in 1822, and there farmed until his death in 1866, and the latter of whom was born in Sweden in 1829, came to America in 1877, and lived in Kintire township,

this county, until her death in 1896. The subject of this sketch came to America with his mother, and first located in Chicago. He entered railroad work, and after laboring awhile at Marquette, Mich., he went to Canada, where he assisted in railroad construction. It was there that he met with many interesting adventures and thrilling experiences. In 1884, however, he decided to devote his future life to farm work. Accordingly he came to Kintire township, and acquired the southeast quarter of section 2. To this, he has added from time to time by judicious purchases, until he now owns a large farm of 600 acres of the best of land. The house was rebuilt in 1892; the granary, 30 by 40 feet, with its portable elevator, its gasoline engine, its feed grinder and other conveniences, was erected in 1906; the barn, 48 by 96 feet, with concrete basement, was built in 1908. Mr. Sundine carries on general farming, and has a splendid herd of Shorthorn cattle, as well as a large drove of swine, and some good farm horses. Andrew J. Sundine was married February 18, 1899, to Helena Anderson, born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, April 28, 1870, daughter of Rasmus and Anna (Thompson) Anderson, and came to this county December 20, 1896. Rasmus Anderson, farmer and stock raiser, was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, in 1847, and died in 1877. His wife, who was born October 21, 1848, came to America in 1893, and located in Renville county; she died in Astoria, Ore., October 25, 1902.

Andrew M. Bondeson, an early settler, was born in Sweden, February 28, 1845, and was there reared and educated. He came to America in 1869, found his way to Chicago, went from there to Rockford, Ill., and worked on a railroad, and spent the winter in Michigan. In the spring of 1870 he came to this state, and located in Nicollet county. There he remained until 1877, when he came to Redwood county and homesteaded 80 acres in section 8, North Hero township. On this wild land he built a shack, 14 by 14 feet, set out a grove and started to break the prairie sod for crops. With the passing of the years he built up a good farm, added 200 acres in section 7, and gradually attained prosperity. While engaged in general farming, he made a specialty of grain and flax. He served on the town board three years and on the school board seventeen years, and also did considerable other public service. In 1914 he retired and moved to Walnut Grove, where he erected his present sightly home. Mr. Bondeson was married in March, 1872, to Eva Frisk, born in Sweden, September 25, 1853, daughter of Samuel Frisk, who was born in Sweden in 1826 and died in Nicollet county, this state, in 1908. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Bondeson are: Gustav, born February 15, 1873, and died March 16, 1891; William, a farmer of North Hero township, born September 2, 1875; Axel, born July 17, 1877, now farming in North Hero township; Ellen, born



ANDREW M. BONDESON AND FAMILY



PAUL DOEPKE AND FAMILY

March 4, 1879, now Mrs. Fred Lundholm, of Chicago City, Minn.; Henry, born January 30, 1881, now a farmer of Johnsonville township, this county; Mina, born November 13, 1883, wife of Nerd Erickson, of North Dakota; Esther, born September 22, 1885, now Mrs. Albert Stark, of Minneapolis; Emily, born August 15, 1887, wife of William Nelson, a farmer of Johnsonville township; Andrew, born February 16, 1889, a farmer of North Hero township; Fred, born February 17, 1891, now at Walnut Grove; and Winnie, born May 24, 1895, also now at Walnut Grove.

William Bondeson, a well known farmer of North Hero township, was born September 2, 1875, in Bernadotte, Nicollet county, Minnesota, son of Andrew M. and Eva (Frisk) Bondeson, and has lived in North Hero township since 1877, when he arrived here with his parents. In 1906 he acquired the original 80 acres of his father's homestead, erected a new house, and has since made many improvements in the buildings, and perfected many developments in the land. On this good place he conducts general farming and makes a specialty of Jersey cattle and O. I. C. hogs. Mr. Bondeson was married February 22, 1906, to Nellie Amundson, born March 25, 1881, daughter of Helga Amundson, and they have five children: Evelyn, Irene, Marvin, Florence and Wilma. Helga Amundson came to the United States in 1883 and located in Lyon county, this state. He was the father of five children: Amund, on the home farm in Lyon county; Mary, wife of Louis Trulson, a farmer of Fillmore county, this state; Helga, a farmer of North Dakota; Ida, wife of Lyman Coyle, a farmer of Murray county, this state; and Nellie, now Mrs. William Bondeson.

Paul Doepke, cashier of the State Bank of Wanda, and one of the leading men of the county, was born in Pomerania, Germany, April 14, 1871, son of William and Wilhelmina (Schmechel) Doepke, who brought their family of seven children to the United States in 1889, and located in Renville county, this state. Paul Doepke was reared in his native land, came to Renville county with his parents, secured a farm of 160 acres which had just been broken, and there farmed for several years. Subsequently he engaged in business in Fairfax and New Ulm. In 1899 he came to the newly established village of Wanda, and opened a hotel, which he conducted until 1905, when he entered the banking business, in which he is still engaged. He also handles automobiles, makes a specialty of the Paige car, and has built a well equipped garage, 25 by 60 feet. His activities in public life have been many, and the thriving aspect of the community reflects in a large degree his progressive spirit. He helped to organize the village, served as its first treasurer and is now its efficient clerk; he was an influential factor in fostering the movement which resulted in the watertower and the water-

works system, and he was a hard worker in the project of establishing the splendid consolidated school, serving as one of the first officers and now holding the position of treasurer. The Consolidated Co-operative Creamery of Wanda, of which he is the secretary, also numbers him among its most active organizers and advocates. In many other beneficial movements he has likewise taken his part, and his reputation as a public spirited citizen has extended far beyond the boundaries of the county. Paul Doecke was united in marriage in Renville county, November 3, 1894, to Martha Darkow, born in Germany, March 28, 1874, and this union has been blessed with six children: Irma, Herta, Erwin, Esther, Armin and Harold. The family faith is that of the German Lutheran church, in which Mr. Doecke has been trustee ever since its organization.

Leonard Redding, cashier of the State Bank of Lamberton, and actively identified with several financial institutions throughout the state, was born March 12, 1870, at Houston, Minn., son of Anton O. and Caroline (Johnson) Redding, natives of Sweden. He received his education in the schools of his neighborhood, and as a youth assisted his father with farm work. In 1894 he engaged for a short time in the farm implement business at Springfield, Minn. Later he entered the employ of the State Bank of Springfield. His next employment was with the McCormick Harvester Co., for which concern he traveled some three years. It was in September, 1898, that he came to Lamberton as cashier of the newly organized State Bank. In this institution he has since continued, his energetic work and pleasing personality being important factors in its growth and success. Aside from his interests in this bank Mr. Redding is a stockholder in the Farmers & Merchants' State Bank at Stillwater, Minn.; the Citizens' State Bank, St. Peter, Minn.; the State Bank of Parkers Prairie, Minn.; the Security State Bank of Warrod, Minn.; the First State Bank of Finlayson, Minn.; the State Bank of Revere, Minn.; the Little Falls State Bank, of Vader, Wash.; the State Bank of Mahanomen, Minn., and the State Bank of Willow River, Minn., in several of which institutions he is a director. Among his numerous other financial holdings may be mentioned stock in the Lamberton Block & Tile Co., and the Central Minnesota Loan & Investment Co., in the former of which he is president and in the latter secretary. Though busy with his numerous business activities he has found time to give efficient service to Lamberton for several years as mayor and to the school board for a longer period as treasurer. Fraternally he is a thirty-second K. C. C. H. degree Mason, belonging to the Blue Lodge at Lamberton, the Chapter at Springfield, the Consistory at Winona, and the Shrine at St. Paul. He also belongs to the Eastern Star, the Knights of Pythias and the United Workmen

at Lamberton. Mr. Redding was married in August, 1897, to Minnie Nelson of Nicollet county, this state, daughter of Nels and Pernilla Nelson. Mr. and Mrs. Redding have four children: Viola, Loraine, Maynard and Marion. Anton O. Redding devoted his active life to farming and is now making his home at Sioux City, Iowa. He is the father of two children, Leonard, the subject of this sketch, and Alma, who is now Mrs. Oscar W. Gustafson of Sioux City, Iowa.

David McWilliams, for many years an extensive land owner of Westline township, was born in St. Charles, Ill., July 8, 1853, and was there reared and educated. As a young man he learned the harness making trade, and in this line continued for many years. In 1881 he purchased, with his brother James, the whole of section 29, Westline township, Redwood county. To the improvement and development of this farm he has devoted considerable time. He took over his brother's interest in the spring of 1910. Mr. McWilliams married Ida Matteson, who was born in Traverse City, Mich., in 1864, daughter of Daniel Matteson, a Civil war veteran. This union was blessed with two children: James A., born August 16, 1884, and Mae, born February 9, 1886.

James A. McWilliams, a progressive farmer of Westline township, is carrying on extensive farming operations on his father's farm, along the latest approved lines, and his endeavors are meeting with much success. Although still a young man, his opinion on all questions of modern farming is received with respect, and his work is demonstrating the splendid possibilities of present day rural endeavor. Mr. McWilliams was born in St. Charles, Ill., August 16, 1884, son of David and Ida (Matteson) McWilliams. He there received a common and high school education, and then went to Chicago, where from 1908 to 1914, he was a director and assistant treasurer in the office of the National Condensed Milk Co. In the spring of 1914 he came to Westline township, this county, and took charge of his father's farm in section 29. This farm he has developed into one of the best country estates in this part of the county. When he took the management of the place, the large house and barn had already been built by his father. Since then, the subject of this sketch has erected other good farm buildings, such as two corn cribs with a granary overhead, a cattle barn, a milkhouse with windmill over a deep well; a tool shed, a 220-ton triple wall silo, a swine house, and similar structures. Mr. McWilliams, as a part of his farm operations, raises a considerable amount of grain and timothy, and breeds Percheron horses, Duroc Jersey swine and Shorthorn and Hereford cattle. Each year he ships several carloads of swine and cattle to the markets. Though busy with his farm duties, Mr. McWilliams has found time to indulge the fraternal side of his nature, and is allied with the I. O. O. F.

at St. Charles, Ill., and the A. F. & A. M. at Marshall, Minn. Mr. McWilliams was married June 28, 1906, to Ella May, born October 19, 1887, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Axley) May, the other children in the May family being Guy, Effie, Calvin, Lonetta, William, Clarence and Edward. Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams have one child, Kathryn, born October 9, 1907. The family faith is that of the Congregational church.

Louis Gerstmann, a pioneer merchant, was born in Germany in 1844, and came to America in 1865. After living in New Ulm a short time, he secured a farm in Sherman township, this county, where he farmed for a while. Then he conducted a store at the Rocks, northwest corner in Brown county, west of New Ulm, for a year and a half. Subsequently, after a winter near Fairfax, in Renville county, he later located on a farm in the southwest corner of Nicollet county, on which he remained for seven years. Later he lived at Golden Gate in Brown county a year. It was in 1882 that he bought the George Knudson store in the new village of Morgan, which he conducted until his death in 1892. He married Anna Hoffman, and they had eight children: August (deceased); Otto; Hannah, wife of Dr. J. L. Adams; Frank; Mary, wife of Martin Kittel; William; Cora; and Robert (deceased).

Otto Gerstmann, hardware dealer and prominent citizen of Clements, was born in Brown county, this state, March 29, 1870, son of Louis and Annie (Hoffman) Gerstmann. He lived with his father in Brown, Renville and Nicollet counties, and in 1892 succeeded to his father's business in Morgan, as manager of the estate. Later he sold his interest. For a time he was a stock buyer, and for several years served the village of Morgan as marshal. In 1902 he came to the new village of Clements, and with J. W. Hopfenspirger, engaged in the hardware business, and implement business, securing the sole ownership in January, 1916, of the hardware business, Mr. Hopfenspirger taking over the implement end. He has taken an active part in public affairs, was first mayor of Clements, and served in that capacity for seven years. Mr. Gerstmann was married September 24, 1894, to Clara Schoffman, daughter of Joseph and Katherine (Schneider) Schoffman, the former of whom is a farmer and hotel keeper at Morgan. Mr. and Mrs. Gerstmann have five children: Irene, Magdalene, Marguerite, Ray and Lewis. Irene is a proficient teacher, having graduated from the normal department of the Redwood Falls high school.

A. W. Edwards, a successful farmer of Redwood county, was born in New York City, April 12, 1847, son of Sherman and Mary Jane (Vanomen) Edwards, who were married in New York City in 1845. The father, a native of Kentucky, and a carpenter and joiner by occupation, died in 1849 at the early age of twenty-



MR. AND MRS. A. W. EDWARDS AND DAUGHTER

nine years, and his widow subsequently became the wife of F. A. Martin, at Columbus, Columbia county, Wis., and there engaged in farming, later farming near Cambria, Wis. She died in 1889 at the age of sixty-nine years. F. A. Martin served three years in Co. E, Third Wisconsin Cavalry and was sent to Missouri and Kansas. He was killed near Clarkville, Kansas, being shot from an ambush while riding along the road. A. W. Edwards lived with his mother and step-father until 1868, when he began working out among the farmers. In 1879 he bought 160 acres in the northwestern quarter of section 19, Redwood Falls township, where he is still living. His first house was a 12 by 16 shanty, and all he had to start farming with was an old team of horses, harness and a wagon. His first crop of hay was cut with a scythe and raked by hand. At first the food consisted mainly of salt and potatoes. He now has 265 acres of land and has improved it in many ways. He carries on diversified farming and from a small beginning has, by industry and perseverance, brought his farm to a high state of cultivation. Mr. Edwards is a staunch Republican and has served as the chairman of the board of township supervisors for three years, having been a member of the board for five years, and has been director of school district No. 46 for eight years. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Edwards was also a member of a musical association, the Randolph Band of Randolph, Wis., and played E flat cornet. He had several good offers to continue in musical work but preferred farming for a life work. Mr. Edwards was married September 2, 1903, to Clara M. Adams, who was born August 7, 1874, daughter of Peter and Crescentia (Kuisle) Adams, of Winona, Minn. Her father, who in his latter years was a retired farmer, died in Stockton, Winona county, May 29, 1904. Her mother is still living in Stockton and, although seventy-six years old, is still very active, and takes pleasure in attending to her household duties and her garden. Mrs. Edwards, who was graduated from the Winona State Normal School, was a teacher in Minnesota for eight years and in Wisconsin for two years, taking charge of her first school in 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards have had two children, a son who died in infancy, and a daughter, Fern, born January 18, 1909. By a previous marriage Mr. Edwards had a son, Lloyd S., who was born August 12, 1891, who died in Minneapolis, July 15, 1911.

Frank B. Fobes, veteran of the Civil war and of the Indian campaign, and at one time county treasurer of Freeborn county, was born in New York State February 5, 1841, and was there reared. In 1860 he came to Minnesota and located in Albert Lea, where he remained until the outbreak of the Civil war. October 11, 1861, he enlisted at Fort Snelling as sergeant in Co. F, Fourth

Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, from which regiment on March 3, 1862, he was discharged to accept a commission as second lieutenant, Co. C, Fifth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry. In this capacity he took part in the campaign against the Sioux Indians. The heroic work of Lieutenant Fobes and his brave men at Fort Ripley and elsewhere is a part of the history of the nation and need not be repeated here. After the Indians were subdued he retired July 1, 1863. He longed, however, to serve his country in the South, and with this purpose in view enlisted in Madison, Wis., February 27, 1864, in Co. M, Fourth Wisconsin Cavalry. He was promoted to sergeant October 20, 1864, and was honorably discharged July 10, 1865. Subsequently he lived in Albert Lea for many years, engaged in the general mercantile business. From 1886 to 1892 he was county treasurer. In Masonic circles he was especially prominent, attaining the thirty-third degree and serving as Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons of the State of Minnesota in 1905. After a distinguished life of worthy effort he died April 12, 1902. His wife, Anna Grace Fuller, was born at Hebron, Ill., February 25, 1848, and died January 25, 1896.

Charles A. Fobes, proprietor of the Electric Shop, Redwood Falls, was born in Albert Lea, Minn., September 16, 1868, son of Frank B. and Anna Grace (Fuller) Fobes. He was reared in his native city and secured his first business experience in the court house there when his father was serving as county treasurer. Subsequently he was engaged in clerical work in a railroad office after which he became interested with his father in the telephone business. After securing further training as an employe of the Western Electric Company in Iowa, he went to Trinidad, Colo., in 1901, as manager of the Automatic Telephone Company. June 1, 1904, he entered the employ of the Minnesota Central Telephone Company as manager at Long Prairie, later holding the same position for that company at Sleepy Eye. His next position was as manager of the Sleepy Eye Telephone Company. March 10, 1914, he came to Redwood Falls and purchased from A. C. Burmeister the electrical supply department of the Redwood Falls Light & Power Co. He has built up an extensive business, does electrical contract work, deals extensively in general electrical supplies, and has the Service Station of the Willard Storage Battery Co. Charles A. Fobes was married January 1, 1902, to Edith M. Moore, born March 13, 1878, daughter of Josiah H. and Anna (Gibson) Moore, and their children are: Anna, born February 6, 1904; Jeanette, born August 22, 1906; Margaret, born November 6, 1910; and Marian, born July 30, 1914, who died October 11, 1914. Josiah H. Moore was born in Barnet, Vt., served four years in the First Vermont Cavalry, was captured, spent six months in Andersonville and Libby prisons, and was

afterwards released. Later he came to Minnesota and farmed near Rushford for many years. His wife, born April 20, 1847, is still living at Rushford.

John McCurdy, veteran of the Indian campaign and pioneer of Redwood county, was born in Canada, came to Minnesota in the early days and saw active service in the Indian expeditions after the massacre of 1862. For a short time he lived in Redwood and Pipestone counties but spent the greater part of his life in St. Peter, this state, where he was active in church, musical and fraternal circles. As one of the charter members of the Methodist Episcopal Church there he served as trustee for over forty years. For twenty-five years he was a leader in the musical activities of that place and retired only when his hearing failed. His Masonic membership dated from 1862. Failing health caused him to move in 1914 to California where he resided until his death, March 14, 1915, at the age of eighty-four years. Mr. McCurdy was married in Canada to Cordelia Louisa Gamsby, a native of Canada who bore him four daughters: Ida, Ethel, Melvina and Cordelia. Ida is the wife of the Rev. T. H. Wilkinson of High Grove, Calif. Ethel is the wife of C. A. Parks of Ohio. Melvina is the wife of Lucian Payne of Sheridan township, this county. Cordelia is the wife of B. Fred Fixsen of Sheridan township.

Bernard F. Fixsen, a pioneer, was born in Germany, came to America in 1870. For four years he lived in St. Louis, where he worked as a mail carrier. In 1874 he came to Redwood county and farmed in Sherman township until 1883 when he located in Vail township. After engaging in the cattle business here for several years he purchased land in section 8, where he lived until his death, August 16, 1899, at the age of forty-seven years. Oftentimes he was township clerk. Mr. Fixsen married Eleonora Daub, who was born June 14, 1856, and still resides on the home farm.

B. Fred Fixsen, a prosperous farmer of Sheridan township, was born in the township of Sherman, March 4, 1877, son of Bernard F. and Eleonora (Daub) Fixsen. At the age of six years he was taken by his parents to Vail township but for four winters thereafter continued to live in Sherman township, making his home with his uncle, F. W. Fixsen, for the purpose of attending school, there being no school house in the vicinity of his father's home in Vail. Reared to farm pursuit he remained with his parents until 1907 when he purchased 147½ acres of land in Section 29, Sheridan township, where he has since been engaged in general farming. On this place he has made a number of improvements including a good barn, 32 by 50 feet, erected in 1915. While in Vail township Mr. Fixsen served one term as town clerk. Mr. Fixsen was married March 20, 1907, to Cor-

delia L. McCurdy, born June 28, 1881, daughter of John and Cordelia L. McCurdy. To this union has been born four children: Walter F., born October 17, 1910; Orman B., born January 30, 1912; Clarence J., born April 16, 1913; and Elenora, born February 1, 1915.

Mathias Jenniges, a pioneer of Willow Lake township, was born in Germany, September 27, 1849, one of a family of two boys and three girls born to Mathias and Gertrude (Knauf) Jenniges, who spent the span of their years in the old country. He was there reared and in 1869 as a boy of nineteen came to America with the family of Peter Eichten, with whom he came as far as Chicago. From there they came to Brown county, this state, while he went to Green Bay, Wis., where he worked in the pineries for several years. In 1875 he came to Leavenworth township, Brown county and on December 30, of that year, was married at New Ulm to Gertrude Eichten who was one of the party with whom he had come to America. For their bridal tour they visited their old home in the Fatherland. In 1876 Mr. Jenniges came to Redwood county and bought a homestead right to a quarter section in section 20, Willow Lake township. This land was all wild, but a small cabin had been erected. Into this he and his wife moved and started farming on a small scale. For many years they endured all the hardships of pioneer life; the nearest markets were at Sleepy Eye and New Ulm, and the trip there was long and tedious; provisions and money were scarce; Mrs. Jenniges was compelled to weave hats for her husband and children from the straw in the fields, and she herself spun the yarn from which she knit their caps, mittens and stockings. With such a beginning by frugality, hard work and intelligent efforts they increased their holdings until they were the proud possessors of eighteen hundred acres of good land. Being a substantial man of the community Mr. Jenniges was honored with the position of first president of the State Bank of Wanda, and he was also prominently connected with the Farmers' Insurance Company. In the township he was a real leader. In the early days he was treasurer for two years and subsequently served as town clerk for some thirty years. He was clerk of his school district from the time of its organization until it became a part of the consolidated district at which time he became a director of the new board. Some years ago his friends persuaded him to run for the office of county treasurer on the Democratic ticket, and though his party was greatly in the minority he was defeated by only a small margin. A devout Catholic, he opened his home to the early priests who held services in this vicinity and he also assisted in erecting a splendid church of that denomination at Wanda. In November, 1913, he and his wife returned to Germany and spent a number of months visiting their former home



MATHIAS JENNIGES

there. After a useful life filled with worthy endeavor and successful achievement, he died April 2, 1915, at the age of sixty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Jenniges were the parents of ten children: Mathias, who died in infancy; Peter B., of Wanda; Valentine P., of Wabasso; Mathias M., on the old farm; John J., of Waterbury township; Bernard J., of Willow Lake; Catherine, now Mrs. Bernard Otte of Willow Lake; and Gertrude A., Teresa H., and Helena M., who are at home.

Peter B. Jenniges, a well known contractor of Wanda, was born in Willow Lake township, August 19, 1880, son of Mathias and Gertrude (Eichten) Jenniges, the pioneers. He was reared on the home farm in section 20 and at the age of twenty-one engaged in the mercantile business at Wanda with his father under the firm name of M. Jenniges & Son. Eight years later he sold out his interest in that concern and engaged in the contracting business, since which time he has done some extensive drainage work as well as handling a number of large contracts in other lines. Mr. Jenniges married Elizabeth Ludwig, daughter of Peter Ludwig of Waterbury township and they have one child, Jerome V.

Henry N. Reding, a prominent farmer of Three Lakes township, was born in Sheldon township, Wyoming county, New York, May 16, 1861, son of Stephen and Josephine (Perry) Reding. He was reared in Goodhue county, this state, and remained with his parents until after attaining his majority. For a number of years he rented farms in Wabasha and Brown counties, and achieved considerable success. It was in 1892 that he came to Redwood county, and bought 160 acres in section 3, Sundown township. He sold this place in 1901 and secured 160 acres in section 14, Three Lakes township, where he now resides. This place he has considerably improved. The seven-room house, and the barn, 30 by 50 feet, were built in 1901; and the tile silo, with a capacity of 125 tons was constructed in 1913. For a considerable period Mr. Reding has been intimately connected with public life. In 1902 he became town supervisor and clerk of school district 92. The next year he became town clerk, and as town and school clerk he has since continued to serve. He likewise served for three years as secretary of the Farmers' Elevator Company of Morgan, an institution of which he has been a director for the past seven years. Mr. Reding was married February 16, 1886, to Catherine Petsinger, daughter of Belthasar and Barbara (Eckstein) Petsinger, farmers of Goodhue county, the former of whom was born May 16, 1833, and died December 19, 1896, and the latter of whom was born December 25, 1840, and died March 31, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Reding have six children: John S., Lucy, Mary, Cecelia, Annie and Raymond. John S. was born January 8, 1887, and farms in Morrison county, this state.

He was married September 26, 1911, to Martha Green, and they have three children, Ethel, Catherine and Crescence. Lucy was born September 30, 1888, was married February 16, 1909, to Alfred Green Miller, of Morgan, and has three children, Wilfred, Leonard and Lucille. Mary was born October 30, 1890, married George Green, a farmer of Morgan township, and has one child, Herbert. Cecelia was born December 30, 1892, and was married October 26, 1915, to Herman Koll, of Morrison county, Minnesota. Annie L. was born November 23, 1894; Raymond was born May 26, 1898. Stephen Reding, the father of Henry Reding, was born in Belgium, and was brought to America by his parents at the age of four years. From New York in 1865 he came to this state, and located in Goodhue county, where he farmed until his death, November 28, 1904. He was married November 28, 1858, to Josephine Perry, who was born in Belgium, came to New York with her parents in 1846, and died October 19, 1908.

Andrew Converse was born in New York state, and in 1877 located on a farm in Iowa. After a long and successful career as a farmer he retired in 1902 and moved to Aurelia, in that state, where he died in February, 1912. A Democrat in politics, he was considerably interested in public affairs, and did good service on the town and school board for a number of years. His fraternal affiliations were with the Masons. Mr. Converse married Mary Bliss, also a native of New York state, who died May 10, 1903. They were the parents of nine children: Hiram (deceased); Edward, of Windom, Minn.; Elmer E., a retired farmer of Walnut Grove; Jennie, now Mrs. Frank Jones, of Ocheyedon, Iowa; Theron, of Arlington, S. D.; Albert, of Windom, Minn.; Norton, of Idaho; George, of Sioux Falls, S. D.; and Fred, now on a farm homestead at White Rover, S. D.

Elmer E. Converse, for many years a successful farmer, now making his home in the village of Walnut Grove, was born in Jefferson county, New York, December 1, 1867, son of Andrew and Mary (Bliss) Converse. He was brought to Iowa by his parents, and lived with them until attaining his majority. Then for several years he rented and operated various farms, and for a time owned a tract of 160 acres in Osceola county, in that state. In 1901 he came to Redwood county, and purchased 160 acres in section 32, Johnsonville township, to which he later added a similar acreage in section 5, North Hero township. This farm he has developed into one of the most modern in the neighborhood. He carries on general farming, and devotes a good acreage to corn, oats and rye. His hobby has been full blooded Durham cattle, and his sire, Victorius, registered by the Chicago Shorthorn Association, is widely known. Mr. Converse has also made a specialty of Duroc Jersey swine and Norman and Percheron horses. In the past he has raised extensive flocks of Shrop-

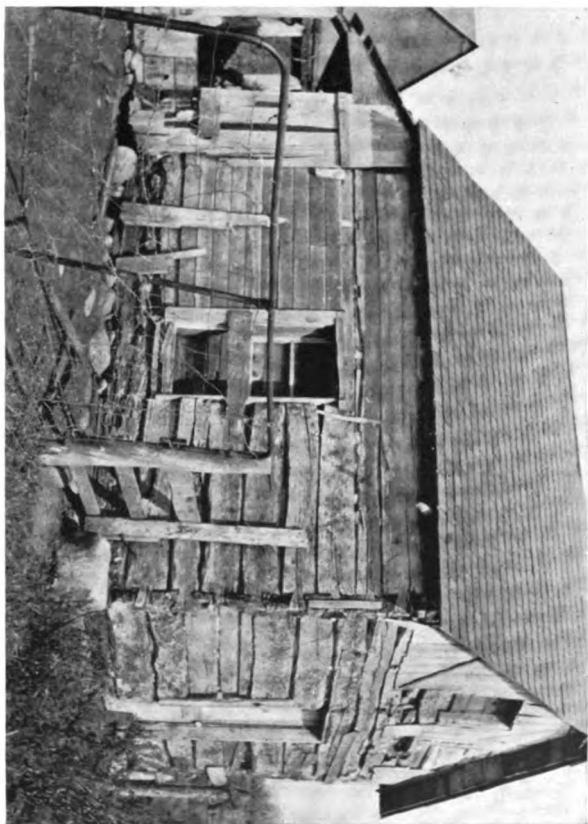
shire sheep but has now abandoned this line of industry. In the spring of 1915 he moved to the village of Walnut Grove, and took up his home in a pleasant residence located on a tract of forty acres on the western edge of the village limits. At Walnut Grove, Mr. Converse is a director of the Farmers' Elevator. In politics a Republican, he has served on the Johnsonville township board for six years, a part of which he was chairman, and for many terms he was a member of the board of school district 19. Fraternally he is affiliated with the I. O. O. F., the K. of P. and the M. W. A. Mr. Converse was married November 21, 1888, to Annie Griffith, born at Morris, Grundy county, Illinois, December 13, 1876, daughter of Llewlyn N. and Anna (Lewis) Griffith. Mr. and Mrs. Converse have the following children: Henry E., born July 20, 1892; Chloe A., born November 10, 1899; Imo, born November 10, 1905; and Oma, born November 6, 1906. Mrs. Converse was the sixth child in the Griffith family. The others are: Howell, for many years a prominent citizen of Morris, Ill., now deceased; David, of Kankakee, Ill.; Mary Ann (deceased); Jennie, now Mrs. John Campbell, of Omaha, Neb.; Llewlyn, of Omaha, Neb.; Morgan, of Beach, N. D.; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Thomas Farr, of Tracy, Minn., and Thomas, of Dexter, Minn.

Gustav Kamholz, a modern farmer of Morgan township, was born in Germany, October 18, 1865, son of August and Henrietta (Frederich) Kamholz. August Kamholz was born in Germany, came to America in 1885, working as a farm hand in Nicollet county, this state, for several years, and then lived with his children until his death, June 4, 1898, at the age of seventy-three years, his wife dying March 9, 1911, at the age of eighty-three years, being survived by eight children, five boys, and three girls, all living. Gustav Kamholz was reared in Germany, and came to America in 1882. After working as a farm hand for a while he rented a farm for three years in Nicollet. It was in 1890 that he purchased the northeast quarter of section 26, Morgan township, where he has since resided, and to which he has added 37 acres, making in all 197 acres. He has made improvements from time to time until he now has as good a place as is to be found in the neighborhood. The value of the property is still further enhanced by two and a half acres of grove and orchard. The roomy barn, 32 by 50 feet, was erected in 1901, and the slightly eight-roomed house, 30 by 32 feet, finished in hard pine oil finish, and equipped with several modern comforts, was erected in 1912. Mr. Kamholz carries on general farming, and makes a specialty of Durham cattle, Chester White swine and Percheron horses. For nine years he has served on the township board, and for eleven years on the school board of district 51. He is a stockholder and director in the Farmers' Elevator at

Morgan, and one of the original stockholders in the new Morgan creamery now under construction. He and his family are members of the German Lutheran church at Morgan. Mr. Kamholz was married April 22, 1892, to Bertha Bartz, born in Nicollet county, this state, January 31, 1871, daughter of Karl and Caroline (Popp) Bartz, and they have four children: William, born August 16, 1895; Ervin, born January 13, 1898; Elmer, born March 19, 1903; and Arnie, born May 28, 1907. Karl Bartz, the father of Mrs. Gustav Kamholz, was born in Germany, and came to America in 1869, with his family, locating in Nicollet county, where he died February 6, 1882, at the age of forty-seven years. Mrs. Bartz, with her three daughters and three sons, the brothers of Mrs. Kamholz, came to Morgan township in 1888, and secured a farm. The following year, on March 6, Mrs. Bartz married Henry Patsche, who died January 15, 1907. Mrs. Henry Patsche died October 7, 1908, at the age of sixty-eight years. Mrs. Kamholz continued to keep house for her brothers until her marriage.

Andrew Ruder, for many years a sturdy Minnesota blacksmith, was born in Germany, and there married Catherine Keefe. In 1871 he brought his family to America, found his way to Minnesota and located at Mankato, where he followed his trade for eight years. Then he moved to Janesville, in this state, where he further worked at his trade until his death in 1884. He was a good man of sturdy character and his family sincerely reveres his memory. His good wife survived him until 1911. In the family there were six children: Andrew F., a prosperous farmer of Redwood Falls township; Anna; Sophia, the wife of Henry Amberg, of Delhi township; Joseph and John, twins; and Catherine, wife of James Whittet, of Redwood Falls township.

Andrew F. Ruder, one of the prosperous and successful farmers of Redwood Falls township, has taken his part in the growth and development of the county, and has done his share as a good citizen by building up a splendid farm. He was born in Germany, July 14, 1870, son of Andrew and Catherine (Keppe) Ruder, who the next year brought him to Mankato in this state, where he attended the schools for a while. He was still a young boy when his parents took him to Janesville, in this state, where he passed through the graded and high schools. As a youth he worked as a farmer and as a blacksmith. In 1894 he bought forty acres of land in Blue Earth county, which he worked until 1898, when he came to Redwood county and bought the present farm in section 7 in Redwood Falls township. At that time his farm was but partially developed and the buildings were all poor. Mr. Ruder energetically set to work to bring the place to its present excellent condition. He has erected an eight-room house and a large barn, 30 by 44 feet, with a 14-foot leanto and a 44 by 44-foot full basement. He has beautified his home surroundings, has tiled



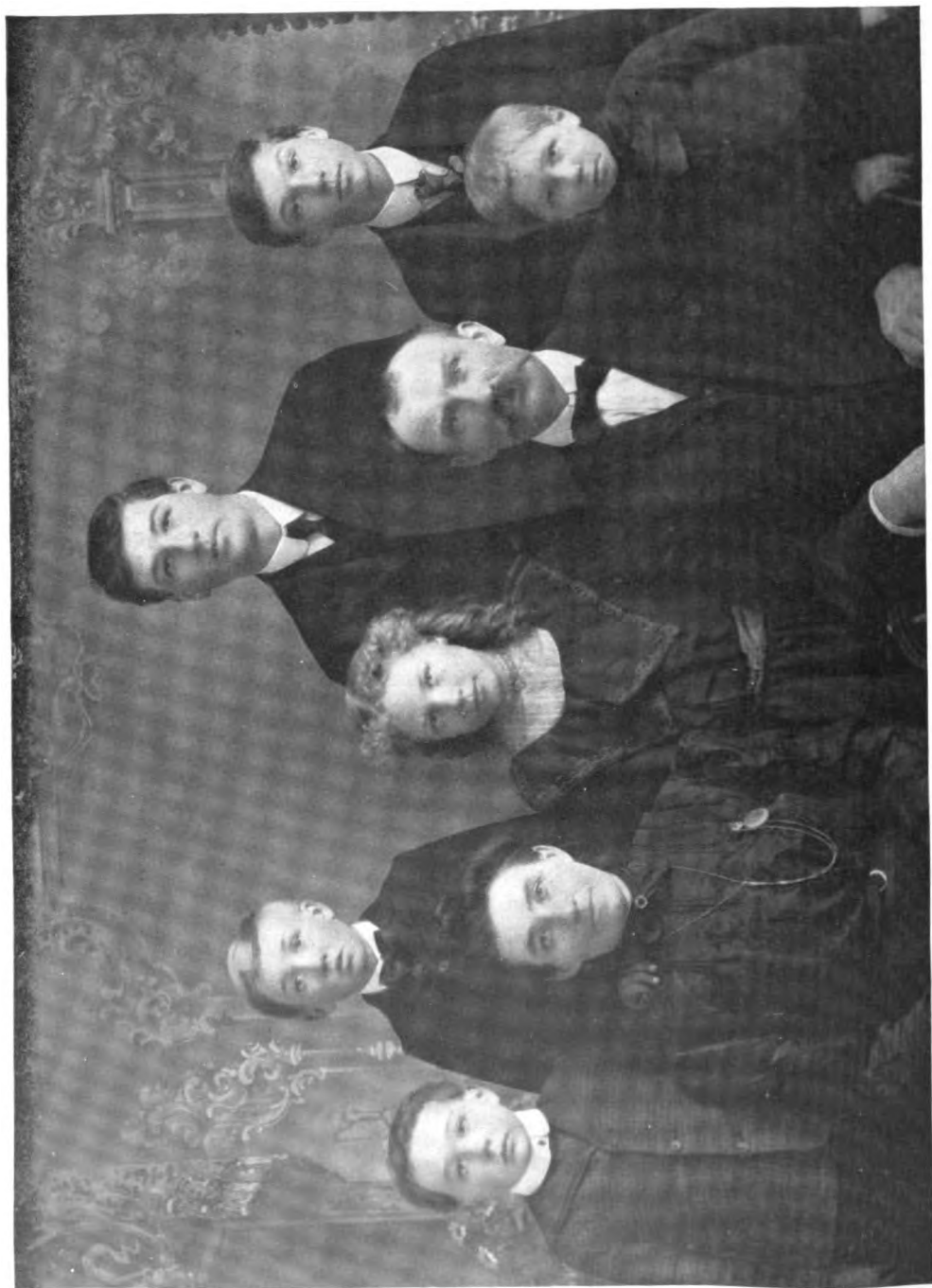
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Theodore Blake, manager of the Farmers' Elevator at Milroy, was born June 19, 1865, in Knuppykke, Kappel Sogn, Denmark, son of Jacob Jacobsen Blake, and Karen Magdaline Madsen, his wife. He came to America in June, 1882 and in May, 1886, secured 160 acres in section 34, Underwood township, this county. This farm had been secured by a pioneer many years before, and on it had been erected in 1871, a log cabin that is still standing, and from which the place takes its name, "The Log Cabin Farm." To the development of this farm, Mr. Blake devoted many years of his life. In 1889 he erected a substantial two-story house and in 1891 a large barn, granary and swinehouse. From time to time he added other buildings. He also set out orchards and improved the place in many other ways. After a while he was enabled to purchase eighty acres in section 33, thus making a good farm of 240 acres. Carrying on general farming, he made a specialty of breeding swine of which he shipped a considerable number each year. Taking an active part in public affairs he was clerk of Underwood township for a decade, and a member of the school board of district 68 for a similar period. In 1908 he moved to Milroy and assumed the duties of his present position. Mr. Blake was married May 25, 1887, to Carrie Olson, born July 24, 1860, in Denmark, daughter of Henry and Bodil (Madson) Olson. Mr. and Mrs. Blake have had eight children: William, Clara, Bert, Charles, Jennie, John, Louise and Elmer. William was born November 2, 1888, married Mabel Solseth, lives on the old Blake farm in Underwood, and has three children, Chester C., Clarice M. and Wilbert M. Clara was born April 10, 1890, and died September 5 of the same year; Bert was born November 15, 1891, and died July 18, 1907; Charles was born October 10, 1893; Jennie, December 23, 1896; John, November 16, 1898; Louis, January 9, 1901; and Elmer, October 20, 1903. Jacob Jacobson Blake, the father of Theodore Blake, was born in Denmark, in 1831, and was



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married in 1850 to Karen Magdalena Madsen, who was born September 6, 1831. After his death on March 15, 1874, his widow was married in 1873 to Martin Erickson, born in Sweden in 1843. Mr. Erickson brought the family to America, arrived in Sleepy Eye, this state, June 5, 1882, and engaged in railroad work. His wife died in March, 1911, and in 1912 he returned to Sweden, where he now resides. Henry Olson, father of Mrs. Theodore Blake, was born in Denmark in 1828, and married Bodil Madson, born in 1834. Mr. Olson brought his family to America in 1881, and bought 80 acres of land in Prairieville township, Brown county, improved and developed the place, added 40 acres more of land, and there farmed until his death, June 18, 1907. His widow still lives on the farm. Mr. and Mrs. Olson had the following children: Carrie, now Mrs. Theodore Blake; Mary, now Mrs. Jacob Geiser, of Hubbard county, this state; Anna, now Mrs. A. Phillipson, of Cobsen, Brown county, this state, and Christian, now on the home farm.

Ole P. Skeggeby, one of the venerable old pioneers of Renville county, was born in Province of Vermland, Sweden, March 17, 1831, and was there reared. As a young man he went to Norway and was there employed at various labor. In March, 1867, he embarked on a wooden sailing vessel, "Amalia," under Captain Peterson, at Skien, Norway, and after a voyage of seven weeks landed at Quebec. From Quebec he went by way of the Great Lakes and the canal to Wisconsin. Next spring in 1868 he came to Renville county and took a homestead of 80 acres in section 26, Hawk Creek township. The trip was made overland by oxen. Upon their arrival the family lived for a while in a dugout. This was replaced by a frame house, which is still standing. The family went through all the privations and hardships of pioneer life, but as time passed they prospered, and added to their holdings until they owned 280 acres of good land. Mr. Skeggeby set out the trees which are still standing as a tribute to his faith in the future greatness of the country. He was a prominent man in the township, served as supervisor and on the school board, and was especially active in the formation of the Synod church, Rev. Johannes Berg, the first pastor, making his home with the Skeggeby family for several years. Mr. Skeggeby successfully carried on general farming until 1904, when he bought a comfortable home in Sacred Heart village, where he still resides. He has led a useful life, has taken his part in the upbuilding of the county, and is now enjoying a well earned rest. It is such men as he who made possible the present prosperity of the county. Mr. Skeggeby was married March 14, 1863, to Berit Olsdatter Holton, who was born in Norway, March 21, 1841. This union was blessed with seven children: Christina, Ole, Betsey, Andrea Caroline, Sven, Ole and Carl. Christina

was born February 9, 1864, and died October 17, 1872; Ole was born July 6, 1865, and died October 22, 1872; Betsey was born December 12, 1868, and married Thov A. Rudy, of Redwood having five children, Bertha, Tillie, Mabel, Ole and Theoren; Andrea Caroline was born November 12, 1870. She married Martin Listrud, by whom she had three children. Mr. Listrud and the three children are all dead. For her second husband she married Svein Homme, better known as Sam Homme, with whom she now lives at Granite Falls, Minn. Sven was born June 12, 1874. He is a farmer in Yellow Medicine county. He married Anna Collin, and they have seven children: Orin, Kenneth, Theresa, Stanford, Prescott, Elmer and Birdella. Ole was born December 3, 1875. He is a merchant at Granville, N. D. He married Clara Foss, and they have a son, Orville. Carl Sivert was born December 15, 1879, and farms on the old homestead in Hawk Creek township. He married Mary Homme, and they have four children: Bernice Gertina, Hildegaard Odella, Owen Wallace and Harvey Gordon.

Thov A. Rudy, a prosperous farmer of Swedes Forest township, was born in a wagon, on the road between Fillmore and Redwood counties, June 25, 1867, son of Thov and Ture Rudi. He remained on the home farm until sixteen years of age, and then secured employment as a farm hand. In 1884 he went to North Dakota, and took up a homestead, but two years later abandoned it, and again returned to Redwood county. In 1895 he purchased from his father-in-law, Ole Skeggeby, 137 acres in section 7, Swedes Forest, where he still resides. On this place he has made many improvements, including a fine substantial house, 14 by 26 feet, with two wings, 16 by 16 feet, and 16 by 14 feet, erected in 1905. Mr. Rudi is on the township board for his tenth year, and has been clerk of the school board. He is treasurer of the Rock Valley Telephone Co. Mr. Rudi was married July 23, 1893, to Betsy Skeggeby, born in Renville county, December 12, 1868, daughter of Ole Skeggeby. Mr. and Mrs. Rudy have five children: Bertha, born August 6, 1894; Tillie, born August 6, 1896; Mabel, born January 17, 1899; Ole, born February 4, 1902, and Theoren, born April 8, 1910.

Thov Rudi, the pioneer, was born in Norway in 1818, and was there reared and grew to manhood. In 1863 he came to America and secured employment among his fellow countrymen in Fillmore county, this state. In 1867 he arrived in Redwood county, and engaged in farming on a homestead of 160 acres in Swedes Forest township. A part of this farm is now the location of the Rock Dell Norwegian Lutheran church. In the winter of 1868, while returning from Redwood Falls, he was overtaken by a blizzard, and so badly frozen that he died from the effects six weeks afterward. The story of this trip is told else-

where by A. O. Gimmetstad. Mr. Rudi was married in Norway to Ture Rudi, who was born in Norway December 23, 1828, and now lives in Swedes Forest with her son, the original homestead having been sold to Evan Sampson and Nels Sandager. In the family there were four children: Louis, born in Norway; Gunild and Arnold, born in Fillmore county; and Thov, born on the trip to Redwood county.

Frederick Hagen, for many years a soldier in the German army, was born in Germany, June 7, 1840, and was there reared and educated. As a youth, he joined the German army and so served in three different conflicts, the Russian rebellion in 1863, the Austrian-German war in 1866, and the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-1871. When not serving his country in the field, he was engaged as a farmer. As a young man, he married Fredericka Rehfeld, who was born in Germany, July 3, 1841. In 1888, with his wife and his two children, Helmuth and August C., he came to America and located in Redwood Falls. A year later he moved to the northwest quarter of section 33, Kintire township. There they endured all the hardships of pioneer life, living the first year in a granary. Three years after their arrival in Kintire they moved to section 5, Sheridan township, where they built up a splendid farm, erected, in time, a sightly home and suitable barns. On this farm the good wife died September 2, 1905, and there Mr. Hagen now makes his home with his son August C. Of the nine children in the family there are now living four: Helmuth, August C., Wilhelmina and Annie.

Carl Zuehlendorf was born in Germany and there married Wilhelmina Schmidt. In 1889 he brought his family to America, found his way to this county and located in section 3, where he is now a prosperous farmer. Of the eleven children in the family there are now living nine: Ida, Annie, Emelie, Herman, August, Emil, Martha, Minnie and Ervin.

August C. Hagen a substantial and respected farmer of Sheridan township, was born in Germany, July 24, 1869, son of Frederick and Frederica (Rehfeld) Hagen. He was reared and educated in Germany and in the spring of 1888 came to America with his parents and located in Redwood Falls. Four years later, in company with his father, he bought his present place. At that time it was but little developed, seventy-five acres had been broken and a little shanty of 10 by 12 feet had been erected. On this farm Mr. Hagen began his farming operations. In 1895 he built a five-room home, 16 by 24 feet. In 1899 he added four rooms, making a very suitable and commodious farm residence. As necessity required, he erected a good barn 36 by 56 feet, a granary, 16 by 24 feet, a corn crib, tool sheds and other farm buildings. Soon after purchasing the place, he planted large groves on the north and west of the house and he now has many large trees



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM SMITH

over twenty years old. He also has a good orchard and a productive berry patch. On this splendidly developed farm he carried on general agricultural operations and raises each year about 105 acres of wheat, 75 acres of corn and 30 acres of oats. In addition to the home farm, he has 160 acres of land in section 28, Kintire township. Mr. Hagen is a good citizen, a good farmer and a thorough believer in education. Mr. Hagen was married May 19, 1899, to Anna Zeuhlsdorf, who was born in Germany, July 7, 1880, daughter of Carl and Wilhelmina (Schmidt) Zeuhlsdorf. Mr. and Mrs. Hagen have been blessed with ten children: Reinhardt, born March 12, 1900; Alma, born August 28, 1903; Alvina, June 27, 1901; Walter, January 20, 1905; Lena, July 12, 1907; Emil, October 18, 1908; Rudolph, January 5, 1909; Harold, April 25, 1912, and Ervin, February 2, 1914, and Adeline, October 25, 1915. All the children of school age are attending the district school of their neighborhood. The family faith is that of the German Lutheran church.

William Smith, at one time mayor of Redwood Falls, exerted a strong influence on the life of the community as farmer and public officer and his death on January 14, 1904, is still sincerely mourned. He was born in London, Ontario, Canada, December 13, 1845. At the age of ten years, he was brought by his parents to Minnesota and was reared in Dakota and Rice counties. After his marriage in 1874 he purchased a farm near Northfield which he conducted until 1879. In that year he moved to Redwood county and secured land in section 22, Kintire township, which he proceeded to improve and develop. He at once took a prominent part in the affairs of his community and for five years served as chairman of the town board. In 1895 he moved to Redwood Falls, opened an office and engaged in the land business, buying and selling real estate, negotiating farm loans and looking after numerous holdings. His worth here is recognized as it had been in the country and in 1899 he became mayor, a position in which he served for two terms. Although of a retiring and home-loving disposition, Mr. Smith was cordial and pleasant in social and political life, made acquaintances rapidly and retained those that he made. He was active in church work and did much to promote the interests of the Presbyterian church, of which he served for some time as a trustee. He was likewise an enthusiastic member of the Knights of Pythias, Rathbone Sisters and the United Workmen. Mr. Smith was married in Dakota county, December 10, 1874, to Mrs. Ida A. (Steadman) Price, who was born in Ta-berg, Oneida county, New York, in 1854, and this union was blessed with three children: Libby M., Tena and George William. Libby M. is the wife of Paul R. McCoy, of St. Louis, Mo.; Tena is the wife of Walter Hinze of Aberdeen, S. D., and George William is farming on the old homestead. By her marriage to Mr. Price,

Mrs. Smith had one daughter, Carrie, the wife of Clarence King of Redwood Falls. Mrs. Ida A. Smith died June 29, 1916, at Redwood Falls, Minn., and her daughter, Carrie, died in 1906 at Redwood Falls.

George William Smith, better known as Will Smith, still farms on the homestead in Kintire township, where he was born December 5, 1885, the son of William and Ida A. (Steadman) Smith, pioneers. He was reared to farm pursuits, remained at home until eighteen years of age and then went to Minneapolis, where, after learning the plumbers' trade, he was employed in that occupation for several years. Since then he has devoted his time to farming on his present place. He has a sightly home, commodious barns and a well developed farm, and successfully carries on general agricultural pursuits. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias and the United Workmen. Mr. Smith was married October 28, 1909, to Maude E. Kempton, who was born in Hennepin county, this state, November 4, 1887, daughter of Rollin and Lora (Ellis) Kempton. Her parents were born in New Hampshire, and in 1905 came to Morgan, this county, where Mr. Kempton still conducts a general store. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have three children: Maude E., born August 3, 1910, James R., born March 6, 1913, and Robert K., July 17, 1915.

George W. Whittet, a prominent factor in the agricultural and horticultural life of Redwood county, was born in Jefferson county, Wisconsin, Jan. 24, 1854, son of John and Janet (Watson) Whittet. John Whittet was born in Perthshire, Scotland, learned the carpenters' trade, and became an expert building contractor. In 1850 he came to America and located in Sumner township, Jefferson county, Wis., where he farmed the remainder of his days, dying June 2, 1870, his wife, who was born in Perthshire, Scotland, August 19, 1821, dying at Milton Junction, Rock county, Wisconsin, June 2, 1911. George W. Whittet attended the district schools as a boy, but has acquired the greater part of his education by wide reading and close observation. At the age of sixteen his father died, and the work of operating the farm fell upon him, his mother, and the younger children in the family. His residence in Redwood county dates from March 3, 1876, when he homesteaded 160 acres in section 21, Three Lakes township. In 1878 he sold this tract and acquired 80 acres in section 35, Delhi township. This land he has increased by judicious purchases. His present home is in the city of Redwood Falls, just at the entrance to the Ramsey State Park, where he has sixteen acres of land, and a pleasant residence in which he has lived since July 20, 1915. Many years ago Mr. Whittet purchased his first nursery stock from Clarence Wedge, of Albert Lea. He now has about 1,400 apple and plum trees, aside from a berry patch of considerable size. A man of strong public spirit, Mr. Whittet has occupied such



GEORGE W. WHITTET, SR., AND FAMILY

Delhi township offices as supervisor and assessor. His fraternal affiliation is with the I. O. O. F., in the subordinate Canton and Encampment of which he has been a prominent officer. Mr. Whittet was married February 27, 1878, to Anabell King, daughter of Thomas H. and Nancy J. (Yesley) King, and this union has been blessed with eight children, of whom there are living six: George W., Jr., Maude, David K., Christopher P., Elias and Willard. George W., Jr., was born November 1, 1879, and farms in Delhi township. He was married May 30, 1905, to Bessie Bower, who died November 20, 1911, leaving two children: Bernice, born August 7, 1906, and Bessie, born November 20, 1911. July 2, 1913, he married Lorena Alexander, who was born August 16, 1879. Maude was born July 30, 1889. She graduated from the Redwood Falls high school, took the home economics course in the Battle Creek Sanitarium, also studying instrumental music at the same time, and then studied kindergarten work for two years at the State Normal school at Winona. She is now a teacher. David K. was born October 21, 1891, graduated from the Redwood Falls high school, took a course in Ford's Business college at Minneapolis, and is now with the First National Bank of Three Forks, Montana. He was married June 5, 1916, to Florence Berg, of Chicago. Chris P. was born December 19, 1893, and was married in June, 1915, to Julia Spalsberry, and is now on the home farm. Elias was born March 16, 1897, and Willard A., October 13, 1900.

Thomas H. King, a pioneer of Delhi township, was born in Missouri and came to this county in 1872. He lived a long and useful life, and died in the spring of 1903, at the age of sixty-six years. His wife, Nancy J. (Yesley) King, was born February 27, 1844, and now lives in Redwood Falls. Mr. White was the son of a Baptist clergyman, but as his conscience forbade him to narrow his principles to adopt the tenets of any particular creed he became a Free Thinker. He loved the good and hated the bad. He believed that by right living the kingdom of God will be established on earth, and that if a man lives right physically and spiritually, he will never suffer any pain, but live to a ripe old age, and drop off like ripe fruit.

John T. Brakke, a thrifty farmer of Westline township, was born September 2, 1884, in Brule county, South Dakota, son of Amon T. Brakke. Amon T. Brakke was born in Norway in 1857 and came to America in 1869, locating in Blooming Prairie, Steele county, Minnesota, where he worked as a farm hand. In 1882 he took up a homestead of 160 acres in Prescho township, Lyman county, South Dakota. He improved his land, planted groves, built a house and barn, and farmed here until 1890, when he sold out and came to Westline township, Redwood county, Minnesota. He bought 160 acres in section 1, which he improved and to which he made additions until he owned 480 acres, 160 acres in section 11

and 160 acres in section 15. He sold 400 acres and gave his son John 80 acres and then retired to Paynesville, Stearns county, Minnesota, where he still lives. His wife was born in 1859 in Steele county, Minnesota. They had the following children: Stena, Mrs. Chas. R. Terhell of South Dakota; Matilda, Mrs. Holvre Johnson, who died February 12, 1915; John T.; Elizabeth, Mrs. N. Reuter of Paynesville, Minn.; Alfred, a mail carrier of Milroy; Minnie; Clara; Alma; Lillian; William, and Eleanora. John remained at home until 1910, when he began farming for himself on the eighty acres received from his father. He also rented 160 acres in section 9 from Ed. Ellison for two years. Then he rented 320 acres of good land from Heagel & Van Dorn for two years. In 1915 he moved onto his 80 acres in section 11 and bought 80 acres more in section 11. He built a small house and barn and engaged in farming there. Mr. Brakke was married November 19, 1912, to May Simmons, born in 1893 in Underwood township, Redwood county, daughter of Taylor Simmons, born in Janesville, Wisconsin, and his wife Adelia Simmons, born in New Ulm. Mr. and Mrs. Brakke have one child, Russell, born March 30, 1914.

Holvre Johnson was born April 11, 1872, in Norway. He came to America in 1888 locating in Delhi township, Redwood county, where he secured work as a farm hand and remained there for four years. In 1892 he bought 160 acres of land, with his brother, in section 23, Westline township, and in 1897 sold his interest to his brother. He then bought the northwest quarter of section 23, which he sold in the spring of 1900 and purchased 160 acres of partly improved land in section 15. From time to time he added to this until he now owns 446 acres. In 1902 he built a barn and gradually other buildings were erected, such as cribs, granary and a wind mill. He also planted an orchard. In 1914 he built a comfortable two-story house. Mr. Johnson was married in 1900 to Tillie Brakke, born in 1883 in South Dakota and died February 12, 1915. She was the daughter of Amon T. and Guneld (Johnson) Brakke, both natives of Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have the following children: Mildred, Florence, Ethel and Sanford.

Oscar R. Nordgren, dealer in farm implements in Walnut Grove, was born July 18, 1883, at Hastings, Minn., son of Gustav A. and Ida (Larson) Nordgren, both natives of Sweden, who came to America in 1882. They lived at Hastings one year and in 1883 came to Walnut Grove where the father bought a farm in Gales township and lived there until 1911, when he sold and moved to Walnut Grove, where he and his wife are now living. He is a Republican and has served on the school board for a number of years and held other local offices in Gales township. Besides Oscar R. there was a daughter, Olga, who died in 1907. After completing his education in Gales township, Oscar R. attended

the Minneapolis Business College one term in 1908. In 1910 he started in the farm implement business, succeeding A. W. Olson. The business has grown rapidly since he took charge of it. He has a well equipped office and two warehouses. He handles the John Deere farming machinery and gasoline engines. Aside from the above business he owns, in partnership with Alex L. Dahlgren, the Walnut Grove electric plant with an investment of \$7,000. It has been in operation since October, 1914. He is also interested in the local oil business under the firm name of Nordgren, Dahlgren & Co. They have two 12,000-gallon oil tanks, one tank wagon and team with which they supply Walnut Grove and vicinity with oil. Mr. Nordgren married August 27, 1910, Caroline Johnson, born March 27, 1885. Mr. and Mrs. Nordgren have two children: Orville, born April 27, 1912, and Bernetta, born February 9, 1914. The family faith is that of the Swedish Lutheran church.

Julius Christensen, a successful farmer of Sundown township, was born in Denmark, September 28, 1858, son of Christ and Johanna Christena Christensen, both natives of Denmark. Christ Christensen was born April 9, 1825, and his wife was born February 19, 1831. He was a harness maker by trade. In 1848 he served as a soldier in the war between Germany and Denmark and was wounded. Julius received his education in Denmark and came to the United States in 1885, locating in West Branch, Iowa, where he began working. He rented a place and farmed for five years. Next he went to South Dakota, where he remained one year and then came to Lamberton, Minn., and afterwards to Willow Lake township. Then he bought 120 acres in section 8, Sundown township. There was a small house and barn on the place. Since that time he has remodeled his house and made other improvements. In 1909 he built a barn 28 by 42, a granary 18 by 28, a machine shed 14 by 20, and corn crib 24 by 24, besides putting down a well and fencing the farm. In 1911 he bought 160 acres in section 5. He has served as county road officer. Mr. Christensen was married in 1886 to Mary K. Sorensen, born June 14, 1856, in Denmark. She came to the United States in 1886 and was married the same year. They have seven children: John, Nels, William, Edward, Lena, Otto and Fredrick. The family are members of the Scandinavian Lutheran church.

John Schwengle, at one time an extensive land owner of Redwood county, was born in Wisconsin, June 18, 1868, and was there reared. From Sleepy Eye, this state, where he farmed for several years, he came to Waterbury township, Redwood county, and secured 400 acres of land in sections 22 and 23. With the exception of a tract of 20 acres of flax this land was entirely wild. He set to work, and from a small beginning developed one of the best farms in the county. In 1900 he built a six-room house and a barn. In 1906 he extended his building operations still further

by erecting another barn, 40 by 80 feet. This barn was burned and in 1910 he replaced it by a structure 40 by 60 feet. In 1907 he spent \$4,000 in tiling the 400 acres. For many years he carried on general farming on an extensive scale and became one of the leading men of his community. For eleven years he was treasurer of school district 93, and for two years served as director of school district 30 (consolidated). His death, January 30, 1913, is still sincerely mourned. The farm is now conducted by Mrs. Schwengle, who has further improved it. Mr. Schwengle was married October 29, 1893, to Bertha A. Kreuger born at Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, January 10, 1874, daughter of Julius and Hattie (Sparman) Krueger and they have six children: Teresa, Magdalen, August, Bertha, Cecelia and Leona. Teresa and Magdalen graduated from the Lamberton high school and the normal department thereof, and have taken a summer course in the University of Minnesota. The others are still attending the Wanda Consolidated school. Julius Kreuger was born in Germany, was brought to America at the age of seven years, was married in 1869, and had a family of ten children: Herman, Fred, William, Lewis, Emma, Bertha, Tena, Ida, Albert and Amelia. Albert and Amelia are dead.

Frank Heiling, a prosperous farmer of Morgan township, and father of one of the largest families in the county, was born in Austria, April 11, 1869, son of Joseph and Annie (Schneider) Heiling, both of whom died in 1905, the former at the age of seventy-six and the latter at the age of sixty-five. Frank Heiling was reared in Germany and in 1888 came to America and located in Morgan township, this county, where, with the exception of two years spent in Watertown, Wis., has since been his home. In the early nineties he rented a place of 320 acres in section 20. This place in 1900 he purchased. He has rebuilt the house and erected other farm buildings, and he has also greatly improved and developed the farm. The value of the place is still further enhanced by four acres of grove and orchard. Mr. Heiling carries on general farming and dairying, and specializes in breeding Duroc-Jersey swine. In addition to his Redwood county property he has a farm of 625 acres in Carrington, N. D., which he rents. Mr. Heiling was married September 29, 1891, to Magdalen Mark, born March 18, 1870, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Leibl) Mark. Mr. and Mrs. Heiling have sixteen children: Clara, Magdalen, Laura, Elizabeth, Katherine, Matilda, Anna, Agnes, Mary, Eleanor, Frank, Hugo, Joseph, Paul, Alois and Reuben.

Andrew Werner, a prosperous citizen of Springdale township, was born in Sweden in 1857, was brought to America by his parents as an infant and was reared in Illinois. In 1899 he bought 160 acres in section 2, Springdale township, this county, where he still resides. He was married at Mankato in 1871 to Anna L. Roselund, who was born in Sweden in 1853, and this union has

FRANK HEILING AND FAMILY



been blessed with eight children: Carl A., Frank L., John O., Walter L., Selma, Ellen, Ardena and Anna. Carl A. farms in South Dakota. Selma is now Mrs. Axel Truedson, of Gales township. The others are on the home farm.

Lars Trudeson, for many years a worthy citizen of Springdale township, was born in Sweden, October 30, 1846, and there grew to manhood. In 1868 he came to America and after traveling about for a while located in Carver county, this state. From there, in 1882, he made his way to Redwood county and took a homestead of 160 acres in Springdale township. He erected a rude shack in which to live and a shed for his stock, and set about with a will to establish his fortune. He broke the sod, planted a grove, and by toiling early and late developed as good a farm as is to be found in the community. As the years past the shack and shed were replaced with a modern home and a fine set of barns and other buildings. The value of the farm was still further enhanced by a splendid apple and plum orchard which he brought into bearing condition. For many years he carried on general farming and made a specialty of Hereford cattle. In 1910 he retired and moved to a sightly home just outside the village limits of Walnut Grove, where he died June 2 of that year. Mr. Trudeson was married in 1884 to Anna Benson, who proved a faithful helpmate in all his undertakings, a loyal wife and a loving mother. She died June 2, 1910, at the age of sixty years, leaving four children: Nels, a farmer of Springdale township; Axel, a farmer of Gales township; Dora, now Mrs. E. Swenson of Springdale township, and Albert, a farmer of Springdale township. Mr. Trudeson was married the second time, April 18, 1911, to Hannah Younglun, who was born in Sweden, June 8, 1865, came to America January 5, 1878, and located in Waseca county, this state.

Albert Truedson, a well known farmer of Springdale township, was born December 10, 1887, in the township where he now resides, son of Lars and Anna (Benson) Truedson. He was reared on the home farm, passed through the common schools of his neighborhood, and took a commercial course at the Mankato Commercial College, as well as an agricultural course at the University of Minnesota. With this preparation he has since successfully engaged in farming on the parental acres in section 14. He is popular among his associates and is regarded as one of the rising men of the township. Mr. Truedson was married October 14, 1913, to Ellen Werner, born March 24, 1890, in Waseca county, Minnesota, daughter of Andrew and Anna L. (Roselund) Werner, and they have one child: Kathryn M., born January 12, 1915.

Michael Wagner, a successful farmer of Sheridan township, was born in Brown county, Minnesota, February 5, 1870, son of Engelbert and Mary (Kuelbs) Wagner. Engelbert Wagner was born in Germany, was brought to America in 1855 by his parents,

and in 1870 took a homestead in Home township, Brown county, where he lived until his death in 1897, at the age of fifty-seven years, his good wife dying Mar. 28, 1915, at the age of seventy-five years. Michael Wagner was reared to farm pursuits on the home place. For a time he was employed in his native county on the farm of Julius Schroeder, whose daughter he married. After his marriage, he bought 200 acres in section 31, Sheridan township, where he now resides. This place he has highly developed, making many improvements. The pleasant home was erected in 1897, and his roomy barn, 32 by 12 feet, with a basement, was erected in 1912. On this place he conducts general farming, and makes a specialty of Duroc swine, breeding, feeding and shipping to the markets. The value of the farm is enhanced by a three-acre fruit orchard, while another feature of the place consists of a fifteen-acre tract of clover and timothy. In public life, Mr. Wagner has served for several years as road overseer and as treasurer of school district 12. He holds stock in the Farmers Grain & Fuel Company at Seaforth, and is one of its directors. His fraternal affiliations are with the I. O. O. F. and the A. O. U. W. Mr. Wagner was married April 24, 1894, to Emily Schroeder, who was born in Brown county, January 13, 1874, daughter of Julius and Emily (Hemp) Schroeder. Julius Schroeder was born in Germany, came to America in 1854, and farmed in Brown county until his death, January 14, 1906, at the age of eighty-eight years, his wife dying December 24, 1903, at the age of seventy-four. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner have had four children: Hugo V., born September 1, 1895; Lorina, born September 28, 1900; Alpha, born June 27, 1907, and died January 28, 1910, and Anita, born March 14, 1912. The family faith is that of the Presbyterian church.

Julius Jacobsen, a progressive farmer of Brookville township, was born in Denmark, September 19, 1860, son of Christian and Carrie Jacobsen, who spent their lives on a farm in that country. Julius was one of seven children, the others being Mena, Fredricka, Carl, Maren, Peter and Ole. He came to the United States in 1879, practically penniless, and found his way to New Ulm, in Brown county, this state, in which vicinity he worked during the summer as a farm hand. For a few months he worked in an elevator in Nicollet county, but finding the work too confining, he secured employment as a farm hand for some three years. Later he went to Montana, where he hauled apples for an orchard contractor, later taking up his residence in Valley City, N. D., for a while. In 1884, he came to this county, and after working about for a while, settled on a tract of land in section 15, Brookville township. Starting on this wild land, he set out groves, erected buildings, fenced the fields, and purchased modern equipment. By judicious purchases he has increased his holdings to 200 acres. Mr. Jacobsen carries on general farming, but makes a specialty



JULIUS JACOBSON AND FAMILY

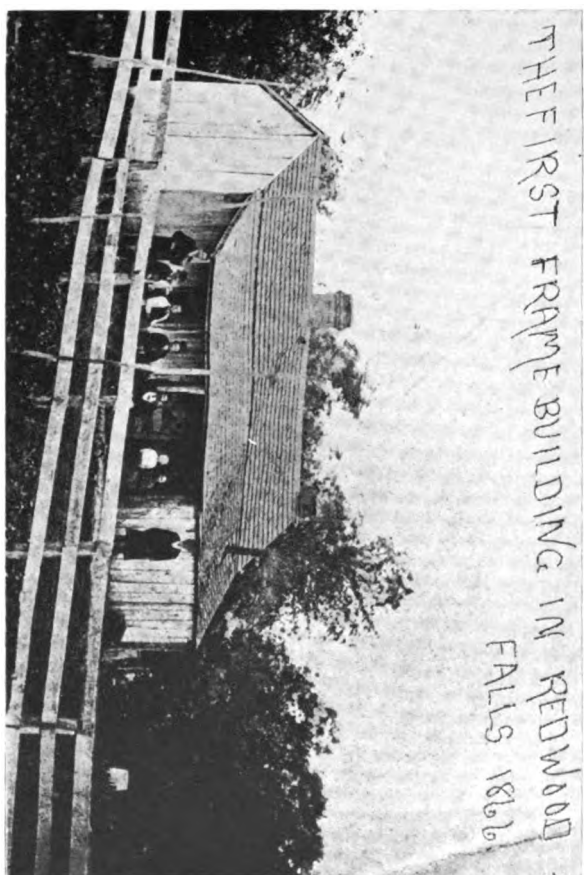
of stock raising. Active in township and school affairs, he has been town assessor and a member of the school board. A thorough believer in co-operative effort, he has become a stockholder in the Brookville creamery. He is a solid, substantial citizen, and is well regarded throughout the community. Mr. Jacobsen married Carrie Neilson, also a native of Norway, and they have seven children: William, Emil, Hans, Albert, Ida and two who died in infancy. The family faith is that of the Danish Lutheran church.

George W. Whittet, Jr., a progressive and up-to-date farmer of Delhi township, was born in that township November 1, 1879, son of Geo. W., Sr., and Annabel (King) Whittet. He remained at home until twenty-one years of age, when he engaged in farming for himself, living at home until his marriage. Buying 100 acres in section 5, Redwood township, in 1900, he farmed it until 1904, in which year he sold it and bought 120 acres in section 33, Delhi township, where he now lives. Mr. Whittet has a nicely improved farm with an acre of fruit, and carries on diversified farming. In the spring of 1915 he erected a comfortable two-story seven-room house, which stands near the state road on a slight eminence, and affords a fine view of the surrounding country. Mr. Whittet is associated fraternally with the I. O. O. F. and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was married May 30, 1905, to Bessie Bauer, who was born November 20, 1886, and died November 29, 1911. Two children were born of this marriage, Bernice, August 7, 1906, and Bessie, November 22, 1911. Mr. Whittet was married, secondly, July 2, 1913, to Rena Alexander, who was born August 16, 1879, daughter of David and Katy Alexander. Her father was a retired farmer who came from Canada in 1875. Her mother died at the age of fifty-seven years.

John E. L. Lund, an enterprising young farmer of Johnsonville township, was born in Gales township, Redwood county, May 4, 1888. His father, Charles Lund, was a native of Sweden and came to America when quite young, locating in Carver county, Minnesota, where he worked as a farm hand for a short time. In the early seventies he came to Redwood county, where he homesteaded 160 acres in section 34, Johnsonville township. It was all raw prairie land. He has improved this land and in 1915 retired to Walnut Grove. He was married to Lotta Swanson, born in Sweden. They had the following children: Esther, now Mrs. Gus. Nicolayson, of Revere, Minnesota; Laura, widow of Nels E. Pierson, of Tracy, Minn.; Hannah, Mrs. Otto Dahlgren, of Walnut Grove; Anna, Mrs. Albert Dahlgren, of Gales township; John E., subject of this sketch; Minnie, Hattie and Arthur. John E. L. Lund received his education at the common school and took a short course at the agricultural department of the University of Minnesota during 1906 and 1907. In 1912 he took a course at the

Mankato Commercial College. In 1912 he became assistant cashier of the Walnut Grove State Bank. In 1914 he left that position and took charge of his father's farm. He raises grains, Shorthorn cattle, Duroc Jersey swine, marketing about fifty or sixty every year, and also raises good grade of Percheron horses. In politics he is a Republican and has held office as school clerk of district No. 19. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge of Walnut Grove. Mr. Lund was united in marriage September 4, 1912, to Susie A. Lyman, born November 7, 1893, in Redwood Falls, Minn., daughter of E. A. and Blanche (French) Lyman. Mr. and Mrs. Lund have had one child, Dorothy, born July 9, 1913, and died March 23, 1915.

Berten E. Rollins, a well known produce dealer in Lamberton, was born in Wabasha county, Minnesota, son of Jeremiah and Charlotte (Garrison) Rollins, the parents being natives of New York and Indiana, respectively. The father, who was a veteran of the Civil war, came to Minnesota in 1868 and engaged in farming, also carrying on business as a building contractor. Moving, in 1880, to Redwood Falls, he there followed his trade until 1892, when he bought a farm in Murray county, and moved to Slayton, where he lived until 1901, in which year he went to Elk River, Minn., and bought a farm in Sherburne county, also a house in Elk River, where he and his wife now reside. Berten E. Rollins finished his schooling at Redwood Falls and at the age of twenty became telegraph operator for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway Co. at Sanborn, where he remained for three years. He then worked as an extra at New Ulm for a while, after which for six years he was operator and cashier at Marshall. From there he went to Porter, Minn., as agent for the Northwestern Railroad, occupying that position for three years. The next seven years of his life were spent as agent at Lamberton. In March, 1915, Mr. Rollins gave up railroad work and established the B. E. Rollins Company of Lamberton, dealers in all kinds of produce. He has already built up a thriving business with good prospects for the future. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree, and in the Blue Lodge, of which he has been Master; the Knights of Pythias, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Eastern Star, of which he is Worthy Patron. Mr. Rollins was married, September 1, 1897, to Bertha Armstrong, who was born September 28, 1880, at North Freedom, Wis., daughter of Charles and Adelia (Schellenburger) Armstrong. Her father was a merchant in Sanborn, having settled there in 1882. After conducting business there for a number of years, he moved in 1902 to Comfrey, Minn., and engaged in general mercantile business there. Mr. and Mrs. Rollins have two children: Irene, born April 29, 1899, and Iona, born March 8, 1901. The family faith is that of the Presbyterian church.



Joseph W. Dysart, a merchant of Milroy, was born February 16, 1857, in Altona, Pa., son of Wilson and Francis (Wallace) Dysart. Wilson Dysart, father of our subject, was born November 27, 1829, in Pennsylvania, where he grew to manhood and engaged in farming. In 1857 he went to Illinois, purchasing 160 acres of government land in Lee county. He improved the land and made additions until he owned 640 acres. He divided this into three farms and erected suitable buildings on each. In the spring of 1899 he retired to Nachusa, Ill., where he died in August, 1902. His wife was born in Pennsylvania in 1834 and now lives in Dixon, Ill. Their children were: Warren P., born May 9, 1854; a mail carrier at Luverne, Minn.; Joseph W., born February 16, 1857; Annie, born in 1859, wife of C. Crawford, a farmer of Illinois, and died in 1880; Ernest S., residing on one of the home farms; Edith, wife of H. Countryman, a farmer of Nebraska; Marion Lee, of Dixon, Ill.; Fannie, now Mrs. John Herbst, of Dixon, Ill.; and Edward E., of Dixon, Ill. Joseph W. attended the common school of his neighborhood and took a course in business in the business school at Mt. Vernon, Iowa. In 1879 he entered the grain business at Nachusa with Israel Slouthower and Capt. John Dysart, his uncle. After a year he bought an interest in a general store with Lawrence McGuire at Nachusa which was conducted for six years under the firm name of McGuire and Dysart. In 1886 he sold and moved to Hancock county, Iowa, where his father owned 640 acres. The farm was improved with good buildings and he raised and shipped about three carloads of cattle and one hundred head of swine per year. Later he devoted his attention to the raising of corn. He lived there fourteen years. After the death of his father the estate was sold. In 1902 he came to Redwood county, where he bought 320 acres improved land in section 30, Westline township. In 1912 he sold this and moved to Milroy, where he bought the hardware and implement business of L. H. Powell. In March, 1914, he sold the hardware business to Chas. C. Seemans and now conducts the implement business. Mr. Dysart was married February 12, 1889, to Anna Slothower, born in 1871, in Wisconsin, daughter of Israel and Jennie (Stover) Slothower. Israel Slothower was born in 1836 in Pennsylvania, where he engaged in farming and blacksmithing. He later came to Illinois and was a grain and stock buyer at Dixon. He died in 1900. His wife was born in 1843, in Pennsylvania and now lives at Dixon, Ill. Their children were: Anna; Lauretta, principal of graded schools at Dixon, Ill.; Carrie, teacher at Dixon, Ill.; Lula, clerk at a department store, Dixon, Ill., and George, connected with a moving picture company at Dixon, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Dysart have the following children: Harvey W., born May 9, 1893, and died August 30, 1910; Scott W., born July 14, 1895, now in business with J. W.

Dysart, and Doris, born February 25, 1899, now living with her parents.

Andrew P. Rans, manager of the Wanda Elevator Company, was born March 17, 1892, at Springfield, Minn., son of Paul and Lena (Holly) Rans. When he was about two years old his parents secured a homestead of 160 acres of wild land in section 22, Sundown township, Redwood county, where they began farming with an ox team. This farm has been improved and brought to a high state of cultivation and is now under the management of Andrew P. Rans and is known as the Clover Bloom Farm. He still has in his possession the old yoke which his father used for his oxen when he began farming. Andrew P. Rans operated the Clements Elevator for two years for the North Star Grain Company and came to Wanda in 1914 and took charge of the Wanda Elevator Company. He is a member of the C. O. F. and also of the Catholic church. Mr. Rans was married May 3, 1915, to Hettie Green of Morgan.

Ole Hjelte, a carpenter of Seaforth, was born in Norway. Mr. Hjelte was married March 30, 1910, to Martha Washborn, born May 19, 1889, in North Redwood, Minn., daughter of Morton and Rachel Washborn. Her father was born in Canada and was a farmer and carpenter and came to Redwood county at an early date, and at the time of his death was quite well to do. He died in 1900 and was buried at New Avon Cemetery. Her mother is now living at North Redwood, Minn. There were the following children in the family: Etta, Morton, Martha, David, Arnold, Lawrence and Alvin. Alvin has lived since his early childhood with David B. Gano of Sheridan township. Mr. and Mrs. Hjelte have the following children: Mary, born September 18, 1911, and Bertha, born October 15, 1913. The family are members of the Presbyterian church of Seaforth.

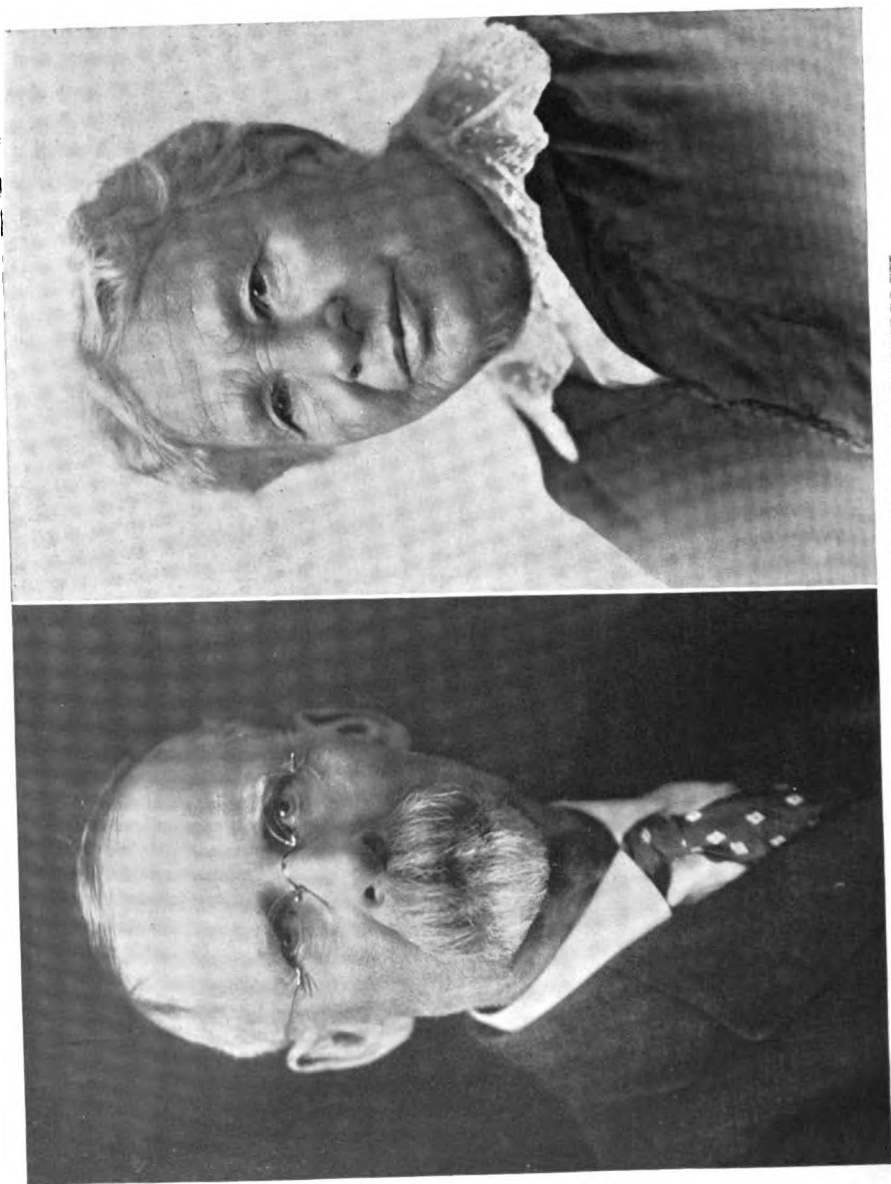
Louis C. Mock, a modern farmer of Vesta township, was born in Columbus, Columbia county, Wisconsin, September 29, 1868, son of Fritz and Caroline (Winter) Mock. The father, a native of Germany, came to America in 1869, locating in Columbus, Wis., where he remained until 1887. Then coming to Minnesota, he rented a farm in Yellow Medicine county until 1890. Next he bought 160 acres in Echo township, Yellow Medicine county, where he lived until 1901, after which he made his home with his children until his death, September 5, 1914, at the age of eighty-nine years. His wife died in 1881 at the age of forty-two. There were five children in the family: Louisa, married to Gustav Peterine, a farmer of Yellow Medicine county, who died in 1909 at the age of forty-two; Louis C., subject of this sketch; Albert, a farmer who died in 1913 at the age of forty-two; and two who died in infancy. Louis C. Mock remained at home until he was twenty-six years of age, at which time he bought 92 acres of

land in section 5, Vesta township, Redwood county, Minnesota. He now owns 226 acres in this township and raises graded Hereford cattle for the market. In 1915 he built a two-story, eight-room house, 28 by 30 feet, with screen porch, and which is equipped with furnace heat and wired for electric light. Mr. Mock also owns 200 acres in Yellow Medicine county, Minnesota, and 312 acres in Bottineau county, North Dakota, both of which farms are equipped with buildings and both of which he rents out. Mr. Mock married Caroline Kuehn, who was born October 5, 1876, daughter of Christian Kuehn, a farmer of Sibley county, who came from Germany to the United States in or about 1862, and his wife, Caroline (Jacoby) Kuehn. Mr. and Mrs. Mock have six children: Herbert, born May 2, 1902; Ervin, April 14, 1903; Clarence, August 2, 1904; Lola, May 21, 1906; Alvin, December 21, 1909, and Arthur, September 21, 1911. The family are members of the German Lutheran church.

John Zeren, a well-known citizen of Wabasso, was born October 16, 1874, in West Newton township, Nicollet county, Minnesota, son of Peter and Gertrude (Stacken) Zeren. Peter Zeren was born in Brighton township, Kenosha, Wis., in July, 1850, son of Nicholas Zeren, a native of Paris, France, who came to America, locating in Kenosha county, Wisconsin, where he engaged in farming, and died in 1854. He was married in France. After his death the widow married John Heck, also a native of France, who came to Wisconsin in 1858 and then came to Nicollet county, Minnesota, where he took up a homestead of 160 acres in Brighton township. In 1860 he sold his claim for \$150.00 and returned to Wisconsin. In 1861 he returned to Nicollet county, Minn., and bought 120 acres in Brighton township. At the time of the Indian uprising in 1862 the family took their livestock and went to St. Peter to avoid the Indians. On returning to the farm they found their house safe but the barn and wheat stacks had been burned. Peter, the father of John, worked on the home farm during the summers and in the winter was employed in the pineries in Michigan. In 1871 he came to Minnesota and bought 80 acres in West Newton township, Nicollet county. Here he remained until 1885, when he sold and moved to Chaska, Carver county, this state. He was a carpenter contractor there for twelve years and then moved to Renville county, where he rented a farm in Cairo township. He moved to Fairfax, where he died. He was married in 1871 to Gertrude Stacken, born in 1851 in Prussia, Germany, who is still living in Fairfax. Her father, Cornelius Stacken, was born in 1813 and came to America in 1867, locating in Lake township, Carver county, Minnesota, where he bought 140 acres of land. In 1896 he returned to Granby township, Nicollet county. He died in 1898. His wife, Katherine (Rademacher) Stacken, was born in 1815 and died in 1895. Mr.

and Mrs. Peter Zeren had the following children: John, Cornelius, of Wabasso; Margeretha, who died in 1899; Philip, a farmer in North Dakota; Mary, Mrs. Chas. Johanneck, of Redwood Falls; William, of Fairfax; Elizabeth, of Fairfax; Gertrude, of Fairfax; Katherine, Mrs. E. G. Weldon, of Wabasso, and George, of Fairfax. John Zeren remained at home until twenty-one years of age, when he entered the harness business of Mahovel & Ness at Fairfax. After two years he went to Wabasso and followed the harness trade there until 1903, when he engaged in the harness and shoe business for himself. He was a member of the village council for nine years and is a director of the Wabasso Building & Loan Association and a stockholder in the Citizens Bank of Wabasso. Mr. Zeren was married June 26, 1900, to Barbara Sons, born in 1877 in Brighton township, Nicollet county, Minnesota. She was the daughter of Nicholas and Susana (Schaefer) Sons, both natives of Prussia, Germany. Nicholas Sons came to America in 1860. He was one of the old Civil war veterans and died in 1880. His wife was born in 1830 and died in 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Zeren have the following children: Leona, Raymond, Mildred, Werner and Winefred.

Dennis L. Hitchcock, M. D., pioneer physician, was born in Forkston, Wyoming county, Pennsylvania, Dec. 7, 1827, son of Hiram and Lucia (Burgess) Hitchcock. He passed through the schools of his neighborhood, read medicine under a proficient physician and surgeon there, and further studied in the medical department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Upon coming to Minnesota, he located in Faribault, practiced there for a while, and at the same time located a claim near Warsaw in the same county. In the fall of 1857 he went to Waterville, of which town he was one of the proprietors. While there he made an extensive trip to the West. He came to Redwood Falls, bringing his family, in the spring of 1865, started the practice of his profession here, and at once became one of the leading citizens of the community. A few years later he established the drug store which is now conducted by his son. In the upbuilding of Redwood Falls, Dr. Hitchcock took a prominent part, and his name will continue to be honored as long as the story of the county continues to be told. His death, Dec. 31, 1884, has not yet ceased to be mourned. Among many other things which Dr. Hitchcock did for the city was the planting of a number of trees, the forerunners of the stately trees which now add so greatly to the beauty of the city he helped to establish. Dr. Hitchcock was married in the fall of 1857 to Pamela, born in Nova Scotia, daughter of James and Eunice (Jenks) Davison. The Davison and Jenks families were early colonists in Rhode Island. From there they went to Nova Scotia. In the early forties, James Davison brought his family from Nova Scotia to Maine, and



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later to Indiana. In 1849 he settled six miles east of Waterville, in this state. His daughter, now Mrs. Hitchcock, was the first schoolteacher in Waterville, and also assisted in the first school in Faribault. Dr. and Mrs. Hitchcock had eight children, of whom seven grew to adult years: Hiram Melville, Helen, Elizabeth, Sarah J., Harriet M., Julius R. and Agnes G. Mrs. Hitchcock still makes her home in Redwood Falls, surrounded by the love and care of her family, and the profound respect of the entire community.

Hiram Melville Hitchcock, optometrist and pharmacist, and leading citizen of Redwood Falls, was born in Waterville, this state, Sept. 14, 1859, son of Dr. Dennis L. and Pamela (Davison) Hitchcock. He came to Redwood Falls with his parents in the spring of 1865, and as a boy passed through all the experiences of pioneer life in Redwood Falls. He attended the pioneer schools, remaining in attendance until high school studies were established, worked in the drug store with his father, and as a young man assumed the management of the establishment, at the head of which he has since remained. In 1893 he graduated from the Chicago Ophthalmic College, and has since been one of the leading optometrists in western Minnesota.

For several years he was president of the Minnesota State Association of Optometrists, and in this society also held several other official positions. When the State Board of Examiners in Optometry, the first board of its kind in the United States, was established, he was one of its first members. He has been several times reappointed, and was for several years president of the board. He has also been vice president of the Scientific Section of the American Optical Association. He was for several years secretary of the school board, and is likewise president and prominent member of the library board, and an active member of the park board of this city. The purchase and improvement of the Ramsey State Park is due in a large degree to his generous efforts, and he will live in history as the father of the park project. With unbounded enthusiasm, and with tireless energy, he advocated the project at its inception, he has watched over its progress month by month, and is now advocating a still further extension of the park system. In the Methodist Episcopal church he has been a member of the official board. The history of the early days has been his especial hobby. He took an interest in the moving of the McPhail cabin to the park, and his researches have preserved the story of the cabin, and the tale of the first settlement of Redwood Falls for all future generations. June 1, 1881, Mr. Hitchcock was married to Regina Stegner, born March 16, 1861, daughter of Conrad and Mary Stegner, pioneers of Dakota county, this state. Mr. and Mrs. Hitchcock have the following children: Gretchen, wife of W. B. Clement, one of Redwood Falls'

leading citizens; Eva R., wife of Ralph Towne, a school superintendent; Alice L., wife of Andrew J. Olson, an agricultural teacher; Paul M., of Houston, Texas; William, who died in 1911 at the age of thirteen; Dorothy, who died in 1914 at the age of thirteen; and Hazel, at home.

S. G. Peterson, prominent citizen, journalist, merchant and real estate dealer, was born in Denmark, July 3, 1867, son of George and Sinnie Peterson. George Peterson came to America in 1869 and located at Chicago, where he engaged in contracting until his death in 1892 at the age of forty-seven, his wife having been drowned at sea in 1871. S. G. Peterson started out for himself as a young man and conducted a book and stationery store at Hutchinson, this state, for two years. During the next seven years he conducted a dry goods store at Hutchinson for Brown Brothers of St. Paul. In 1895 he bought the Hutchinson "Democrat" and changed it to the Hutchinson "Independent" and also started the Lester Prairie "Journal" at the same time. Soon he sold these and bought the Glencoe "Register," one of the oldest papers in the state. In 1899 he sold this and came to Redwood Falls, where he bought a general merchandise store and operated it until 1905. Then he bought the Redwood "Reveille," which he published for three years and then became owner of the Echo "Enterprise" for the next five years. He owned the Granite Falls "Journal" one year. He was in the cloak and suit business for quite a period, and conducted a store in the building of Cooper & Gold. He also engaged in the real estate business with the Gopher State Realty Company, dealing in both foreign and home lands. He has served as a member of the city council one term and has been a member of the park board since 1907 and is treasurer of same. He has been president of the school board for three years. Fraternally he is affiliated with the K. P. and the A. O. U. W. He is a member of the State Horticultural society and of the Minnesota Editorial Association, having belonged to the latter since 1894. In the Chatauqua association he has been one of the vital factors. Mr. Peterson was married September 2, 1895, to Christine S. Christianson, and they have three children: Maude E., a graduate of Albert Lea College, Albert Lea, Minn., in 1913, a teacher of music and a student at Oberlin college; Harold, a student at Valparaiso, Ind., and Pauline. The family worship at the Methodist Episcopal church where Mr. Peterson is steward. He has also been first vice president of the State Epworth League for five years and District President of same for five years. He is a Sunday school teacher and chorister.

Senius Jensen, a farmer of Sundown township, was born in Denmark, August 13, 1871, son of Nels Jensen, who died in Denmark at the age of seventy, and his wife, Hannah (Christensen) Jensen, who died in 1874. Senius came to the United States in

1888 and landed in Baltimore. When he reached Chicago he had just 75 cents. He remained one day and then came to Springfield, Minn., with 52 cents left and nothing to eat but part of a loaf of bread. He went to work herding cattle, having charge of 500, working for \$6 per month for eleven months, and then attended school for about two months. Besides his schooling in America he had two terms of school in Denmark. In 1896 he bought two oxen and engaged in farming. He was unsuccessful in this venture and lost all he had. He made another attempt, renting 160 acres of land, and succeeded in raising good crops. Then he went to Brookville township, Redwood County, and farmed four years. He next bought 160 acres in Chippewa County and after two years came to Redwood County and bought 160 acres in Section 8, Sundown township. There was a small house and barn on the place. In 1913 he built a new eight-room house and in 1911 a barn, 28x40, with a sixteen-foot lean-to. He raises good stock and does general farming. He has served as a member of the school board for seven years. He is a shareholder in the Wanda Creamery. Mr. Jensen was married November 6, 1896, to Rakka Petersen, daughter of Chris Petersen. She was born March 10, 1879. Mr. and Mrs. Jensen have eleven children: Inez, Henry, Viola, Alvin, Hazel, Anton, Arnold, Raymond, Ellis, Orvald and Cleo. The family are members of the Scandinavian Lutheran church.

Samuel Dutton Hinman was born in Pittsburg, Pa., in 1839, son of Thomas and Mary Carrington Hinman, both descended from New England Colonial ancestry. He attended Cheshire Episcopal Academy in Connecticut; came to Faribault, Minn., in 1856; entered the Bishop Whipple Seabury Mission and was ordained to the ministry by Bishop Whipple on October 5, 1860. He was married the same month to Mary Ellen Buery, who died March 12, 1876, daughter of Thomas Hannah and Margaret Buery, of New York City. He removed to Lower Sioux Agency, in what is now Redwood County, and began his labors as missionary to the Indians and was so engaged at the time of Indian massacre. He was one of the defenders at the battle of Fort Ridgely. When the Indians were removed to Nebraska, Mr. Hinman accompanied them and founded what has since been known as the Santee Indian Mission. He translated much of the Bible, Book of Common Prayer, and Hymnal into the Dakota language. He was connected with and furnished valuable data pertaining to Indians to the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C.; was a member of the government Sioux Indian Commission of 1876; also the Dawes Commission of the eighties; and was supervisor of Indian census in 1880. In 1884 he was married to Mary Myrick, daughter of William Myrick. He removed to the present Bishop Whipple Indian Mission, Redwood County, in 1886. The surviving children by the first marriage are: Henry Whipple, Samuel Dutton, Rob-

ert Heber Clarkson, William Welsh and Joseph Carrington; by the second marriage, Mary Myrick. March 24, 1890, the Rev. Mr. Hinman entered into rest, after a short illness, and he sleeps beside the church to which so many cares and toils had been given. Like her husband, Mrs. Hinman also sleeps beside the church at Santee Mission, to whose cause and the spread of Christ's kingdom to the Dakotas she devoted her life work.

James A. Larson was born in Chicago, Illinois, October 9, 1860. He emigrated to Minnesota with his parents in 1877 and settled with them on a farm in Johnsonville township, Redwood county. He assisted his parents in improving that farm. On December 24, 1883, he was married to Johanna Halverson, and on November 1, 1890, he homesteaded a quarter section of land in Westline township, which he improved and later returned to the township of Johnsonville, where he resided for a number of years on his father's farm, which he later acquired by purchase. He held many township offices and took an active interest in all matters pertaining to the upbuilding of that county. In 1903 he moved to Walnut Grove, where he resided until he was appointed as assistant secretary of state under Julius A. Schmahl, which position he is holding at the present time. In 1896 he was nominated by the Republicans as their candidate for representative to the legislature and was elected. In 1898 and again in 1900 he was nominated and elected to the same position without opposition. From 1905 until January, 1907, he was postmaster at Walnut Grove. In the legislative sessions of which he was a member he was very active in securing legislation that has been very beneficial to the people of the State of Minnesota. With Senator Miller of Luverne, Rock County, he worked for and secured a reduction of freight rates for southern Minnesota. He also assisted in passing a law providing for loading platforms at all stations where needed. He favored State aid for rural schools and was largely instrumental in securing the passage of a law for that purpose. He worked for and secured legislation that has been beneficial to the stock shippers of the State. He also led the fight for the foreign corporation law, which has brought hundreds of thousands of dollars into the State treasury. He is the father of ten children, all of whom were born in Redwood County. Frank Henry, born September 20, 1884, died February 20, 1894; Josephine M., who is now the wife of Daniel A. Malloy of Walnut Grove, was born November 30, 1885; Bertha L., who is now the wife of T. M. Gjestrum, born November 30, 1887; Fannie E., who is a stenographer in the secretary of state's office, born March 4, 1890; John William, who is now a student at the State University, born November 30, 1891; May Ellen, who is also a stenographer, born December 11, 1892; George Edward, born September 20, 1894; Lillie C., born September 22, 1896; Frank Henry, born September 20, 1899; Amelia Jo-



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hanna, born December 4, 1902; have also taken into the family Irvin Johnson, born November 26, 1913.

Lewis Larson was born in Norway, and in 1854 was married to Mary Erickson in that country. In 1856 he emigrated to America and settled in the outskirts of Chicago, Illinois, where he engaged in dairy and truck farming. In 1861 he enlisted in Company F, 82nd Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served under Grant until he was seriously wounded at the battle of Peach Tree Creek, and from there was sent north to a hospital, where he was finally discharged on account of disability. In 1877 he emigrated to Redwood County, Minn., and settled on a homestead in the town of Johnsonville. He resided in Redwood County for six years and in 1884 returned to the city of Chicago. His wife died in April, 1900, and he died on March 17, 1907. They had five children: Amelia, who died in infancy; Edward, who is now ranching in South Dakota; Emma, who died in infancy; Henry, who died in the early 90's; James A., the present assistant secretary of state; and Frank, who died in 1895.

The First National Bank of Redwood Falls, Minn., was established as a private bank under the name and title of the Redwood County Bank by G. W. Braley in 1872 and conducted by him as such until his death in 1880, when the affairs of the bank were closed and discontinued. The building, furniture and fixtures were purchased by Hial D. Baldwin and Clarence T. Ward, who were at that time engaged in the practice of law. They reopened the bank under the name of Redwood County Bank, and conducted same as a private bank under the firm name of Baldwin & Ward, proprietors, until it was incorporated into a State bank in 1891, with a capital stock of \$25,000. Its first president was Albert Scheffer of St. Paul, who was president for two years. The first statement published on April 14, 1891, showed deposits of \$38,661, and total footings of \$65,041. E. A. Hendrickson of St. Paul was its next president and held the office until January, 1896, when W. D. Lines of Redwood Falls was elected his successor for the next two years, and on January, 1898, A. C. Burmeister was elected president and served for several years. In May, 1901, this bank was converted into a national bank and the first statement as a national bank showed \$88,000 deposits and a total footing of \$134,000. Mr. Burmeister continued as president until January, 1910, when H. A. Baldwin was elected his successor and still serves as such. The last statement published previous to this article showed a handsome increase in business, with deposits of \$470,051.44 and footings of statement \$543,551.44. It has always been the policy of this institution from its establishment to conduct its affairs along conservative lines, consistent with the very best principles of banking; and at all times to consider the best interests of its patrons and the development of the community;

has always adopted a progressive policy and devoted its generous support and assistance to anything that meant progress and stable development. Its continued increase in business and usefulness to the community is reflected by the increase of its business and number of patrons, and the general excellent reputation it bears in this section. Its present official staff and directorate are among the very ablest men of the community, as will be noted in the following list: H. A. Baldwin, president; A. C. Burmeister, vice president; Emil Kuenzli, second vice president; Fred W. Zander, cashier; C. H. Baldwin, assistant cashier; Robert V. Ochs, assistant cashier; A. H. Hassenstab, bookkeeper; A. C. Burmeister (chairman), H. G. Schmahl, C. A. Luscher, Emil Kuenzli, E. A. Luscher, A. E. Ward, William M. Smith and H. A. Baldwin.

APPENDIX

Redwood Falls Lake and Redwood River Dams. Redwood Falls is very fortunately situated, having as its surroundings a beautiful prairie for grazing and agricultural purposes, the city itself nestled in beautiful woodland, traversed by the scenic Redwood River, that has been the pride and joy of its citizens for many years, afforded the primitive settler with abundance of opportunity for enjoyment, fishing, trapping and hunting, and because of its rippling water over its rapids through the city limits, has offered an excellent opportunity for power purposes and privileges.

In 1868 the first dam was built near the present mill by Park Werden, this dam being located about 700 to 800 feet below the present dam. In the year 1869 A. M. Cook, an early settler, constructed a dam about 1,000 feet above the present one and located his mill downstream about 800 feet. A very amusing story is told in connection with this particular dam, which has been repeated for many years, the circumstances being very well known by the early settlers.

Colonel McPhail, who was stationed at this point, was asked by the government for a report on the water power and mills, and it is said his report was something like this: "I saw a dam by a mill site, but did not see a mill by a dam site."

The two dams mentioned furnished sufficient water power to operate the two mills for the benefit of Redwood Falls and many other towns surrounding, and supplied flour and feed to Yellow Medicine, Renville, Lyon and Redwood counties. But as time passed it was discovered there was a better location for a dam, that would not only supply an abundance of water, but would give to this beautiful city a lake and park that would add greatly to its pleasure and usefulness, and for several years this project for a new dam was a daily subject.

A. C. Burmeister, the present owner, realizing that Redwood Falls and vicinity was fast crowding upon his abilities to serve it with enough power, purchased the abutting property to the present location of the dam, that the burden of expense of constructing the dam and buying the overflowage right would be a material hardship for him to bear alone, the enthusiasm and pride of the citizens was of such a character that a committee, known as the dam committee, of which H. A. Baldwin was chairman, Julius A. Schmahl, F. L. Warner, H. M. Hitchcock, O. L. Dornberg, C. W.

Mead and C. T. Howard were members of this committee, besides several other citizens who were a great help.

In 1900 the matter of procuring overflowage rights was vigorously commenced, some were freely obtained, but others were fought in the courts with strenuous opposition, but after about eighteen months of litigation the committee was successful in closing all overflowage rights. It is at this point where the real evidence of appreciation is presented, many of the citizens and business men signed notes amounting to \$2,600, and the money was advanced by a local bank to pay the flowage rights, showing the keen interest and faith that was had in the enterprise.

In 1905 by a special act of the Legislature the city was permitted to issue bonds amounting to \$3,400 to reimburse the signers of these notes, and an agreement was obtained from Mr. Burmeister to maintain at all times a specified high level of water. During the progress of the erection of this dam, which was built out of concrete with solid natural stone abutment and foundation, the citizens of Redwood Falls and surrounding country were daily visitors. It required Mr. Burmeister from August, 1901, to May, 1902, in which to complete the dam, and it certainly was a great day when the final gate was placed in its position and the filling of the dam commenced. It required four to five days to properly fill the flume so that the water flowed over the top of the dam.

Great credit is due to A. C. Burmeister who had the courage to place his money and labor into the enterprise that must needs be built for many years in the future.

The building of this dam has placed Redwood Falls in the prominent and front ranks among efficient water powers of the State, giving an eighty-eight foot head, which is one of the greatest, if not the greatest fall obtained in the State.

A special phase of the movement, which lends interest to the enjoyment that the people of Redwood Falls got out of the artificial lake, is the organization of the Redwood Falls Lake, Park and Boat Association, the incorporators of which were: Julius A. Schmahl, F. L. Warner, O. L. Dornberg, C. W. Mead, C. Fred Thompson, F. M. Isham, I. N. Tompkins, George Jaehning and H. A. Baldwin. These gentlemen purchased twelve acres of land at the head of the lake, built a dock, pavilion and equipped the park with many other things for amusement. They also purchased two gasoline launches, which had been on Lake Calhoun near Minneapolis, transported them from the city to Redwood Falls and launched them amid great enthusiasm and excitement, putting them into use for transporting excursion parties to the park, a distance of two and one-half miles. Near the foot of the lake substantial boat houses and docks were erected, and the ground in general beautified so as to be attractive.

The building of the dam, the creation of the lake and the adding of these boat equipments and park, furnished Redwood Falls with an opportunity to entertain the surrounding country in a very pleasant way, and added to this, the City Park affords abundance of pleasure for picnics and parties within walking distance of the business section of our city.

The dam, with auxiliary steam and Diesel oil engine equipment, furnishes sufficient power to supply the wants and needs of the city of Redwood Falls, Morgan, Morton, Franklin and North Redwood, and could still supply more.—By H. A. Baldwin.

Dr. Charles A. Eastman (Ohiyesa). During a typical Minnesota blizzard in the late fall season of 1858 there was born an Indian boy, Ohi-Yi-Sa, in a tepee at a temporary camping place on the Redwood County side of the Minnesota River, opposite to where the town of Morton is now located. The parents were caught by this storm as they were returning from a hunting expedition.

In these precarious circumstances began the life of Dr. Charles A. Eastman, who became the most noted of Redwood County born citizens of the United States, with a nation-wide acquaintance and reputation and attaining to a more prominent place in literature than any other of his race. Soon after his birth it became evident that his mother would not recover from her illness and as he was the last to be born in the family he was first named Hakadah, "The Pitiful Last," and it was freely predicted that he would not survive. Four years later at a summer festival and gathering of Sioux and Chippewa tribes, when the chief entertainment was feats of athletic skill, the winning of friendly contests by the Sioux was celebrated by re-christening the boy with a new name. The medicine man of the tribe who conducted the ceremony proclaimed: "Ohiyesa (or Winner) shall be thy name henceforth. Be brave, be patient and thou shalt always win. Thy name is Ohiyesa." From Dr. Eastman's description of the location of this event it is quite certain that it took place in the open space in the bottom land lying between Tiger Lake and the Minnesota River about halfway between the towns of North Redwood and Morton.

The home of this family was in the Sioux Indian Reservation of the Upper Minnesota Valley, near the Redwood Agency headquarters at the western edge of the present Indian colony and within sight of the present Mission Church and Government School. Had it not been for the strife and contests of an entirely different character which occurred a few weeks later, there would doubtless have followed the usual uneventful life of a reservation Indian, deprived by the encroachments of the white settlers from his former means of self-support and independence, coming in contact with much of the worst and little of the best influences

of the white civilization and without incentive to useful citizenship. A very different destiny, however, awaited Ohiyesa, "The Winner."

The open revolt of Chief Little Crow and his band in 1862, starting at the agency headquarters, was the beginning of the untimely ending of nearly 1,000 lives and the permanent loss to the Sioux tribes of all that remained of their land possessions in Minnesota. As a result of this catastrophe, this Redwood Indian boy, during the formative period of his growth, received the kind of training and discipline that was possible only in the wild, adventurous, primitive Indian life as it then existed in the far west Canadian frontier. Then he was suddenly transferred to the opposite extreme of environment with opportunity to learn the white man's language and ways. While he grew from a boy to a man he acquired a high type of New England education and culture at the opposite edge of the continent. Dr. Eastman distinctly remembers the tragic occurrences of the Indian outbreak when he was but four years old and the enforced flight through the Dakotas to west Canada, pursued by General Sibley and his troops. His mother, who was reputed to be a woman of unusual attractiveness, when she could not live, chose her husband's mother to care for the child and this proved a fortunate selection.

His father, a full-blooded Sioux, was captured and sentenced to be executed and father and son were so widely separated that neither one learned of the fate or whereabouts of the other for a number of years. The father was pardoned by President Lincoln and after his release from a term of imprisonment, not desiring to return to reservation life, he qualified as a United States citizen and secured a farm with an Indian colony in South Dakota. After securing his own independence, he made search for the boy, who then learned for the first time that his father was still living. The elder Indian had learned that primitive conditions must pass and adjusted himself to the new order and he decided that his son Ohiyesa should have a chance to be a winner and not a loser in the transition that was inevitable.

Until this time this young Indian lad, just emerging from boyhood, reared in an atmosphere of hostility to the whites, based on harsh and unjust treatment, had received no intimation that he would be separated from every associate and association that he had known, to learn a new language, adopt a new name, to live a new life in preparation for a career of which he had not heretofore imagined. At an age when white boys are well along in their high school course he began in the primary grades to learn to speak, write and think in the English language, rapidly won his way through the common schools. Then he graduated at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire and secured a degree of Doctor of Medicine in Harvard University. It would seem that this bril-

liant and rare educational achievement would not have been possible had not his native talent been developed and conserved by an efficient physical and mental character training during his younger years by his old Indian grandmother and by his father's brother in the far western wilds.

After completing a course at Harvard he was ready for the profession he had chosen and located first at St. Paul, Minn., then for several years at a Sioux reservation in Dakota, having in the meantime been married to Elaine Goodale, a former teacher in an eastern college. The dramatic and adventurous circumstances of his earlier years, followed by his school, college and university training, stimulated and maintained a high degree of mental activity that did not entirely subside during the more prosaic conditions of his later life. Partly as a diversion and because such a record would be interesting to family and friends, he translated portions of his unusual experiences to the written page and some of this reached the public through contributions to magazines. It was during this time that Roosevelt was a comrade enjoying the friendship of rough riders, both white and red, when a large portion of the west was still occupied by ranches and reservations and there was a friendly acquaintance between Roosevelt and Dr. Eastman. Roosevelt estimated the quality of Eastman's writings sufficiently high that he urged him to discontinue his practice of medicine and develop his talent for literature.

The fate of Eastman's father after his death sentence in the early sixties depended entirely on the word of the best beloved of White Fathers at Washington, at a time when he was heavily burdened with the big quarrel between his white children, North and South, but he took thought of the red men in the west and Lincoln's leniency gave this Indian a chance to demonstrate that he could be good without being dead and Eastman's earlier opportunities to learn the ways of the white man were directly due to Lincoln's reprieve to his father. Nearly forty years later this other, one of the most notable of the White Fathers, made provision for a change in Eastman's occupation, which proved a turning point in his career toward the most important achievements of his life. When Theodore Roosevelt became president, he knew the conditions of the western life better than any of his predecessors in the White House and demonstrated his confidence in Eastman's ability by appointing him to an official commission in the Indian service. During the seven years of this service, under Roosevelt, Eastman's duty was to establish official records and names for individuals and families of the Sioux tribes and he acquired a more intimate personal knowledge and acquaintance with the Sioux people and the pioneer settlers in western Minnesota and the Dakotas probably than any other person. In the meantime a group of children had come to the Eastman house-

hold and neither Mr. nor Mrs. Eastman were content that they should have less early advantages than had been their own privilege, so at the close of the Roosevelt administration they moved with their family to Amherst, Mass., for the educational opportunities of that college town. This did not interrupt Dr. Eastman in the study of the history and problems of the aboriginal Americans, which had now become his vocation, and through the medium of series of lectures to college societies and to the general public and of several books which he has published, he has reached extensively many listeners and readers.

In the summer of 1909, Dr. Eastman took charge of the preparation and presentation of the Indian features of the most elaborate historical pageant that has been staged in Minnesota at the St. Paul Auditorium, and impersonated Hiawatha. At this time he visited and lectured at Redwood Falls, later in the year attending the World's Congress of Races in London, having been chosen to represent the North American Indian, and delivered a lecture at the speaking program. Dr. Eastman still lives with his family at Amherst, Mass.—By H. M. HITCHCOCK.

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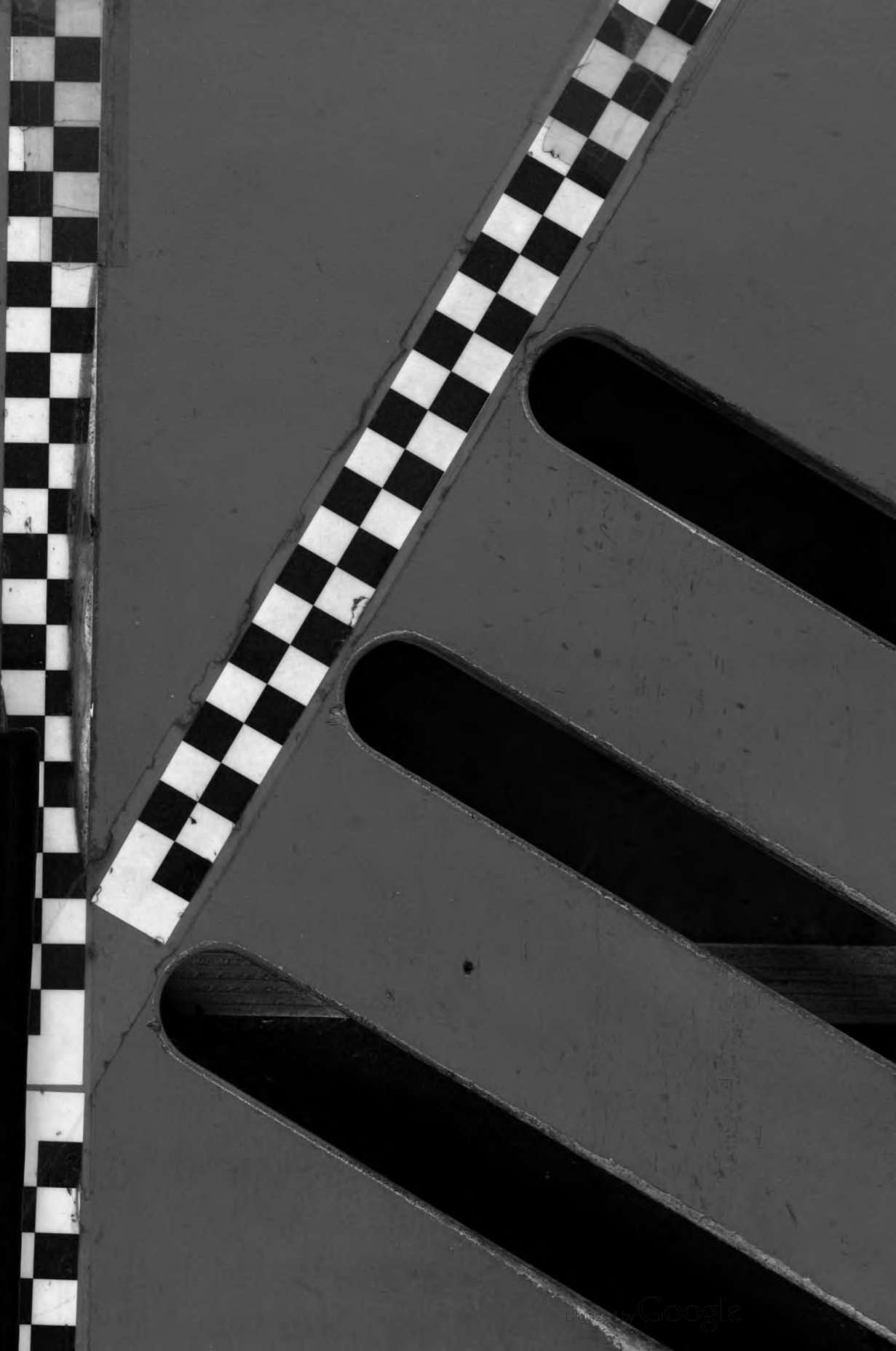
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